very corry, Beesle, but I don't think

mother can ever forgive her little girl for making such a mistake." Bessle glanced at mother—and then she hid her face on her shoulder, for she saw just what mother meant. "I see now, mother," she faltered, "how unkind I was not to want to forgive Howard this morning. Kies me, and forgive me, mother, and I'll go and make up. I guess it must have hurt him as much as you hurt

As mother kissed Bessle, she said, "Remember, dear, it is only if we

forgive one another, that God is will-

CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

little boy home from birthday parties," said a mother recently, "is that

there is usually nothing suitable for

has been deluged with these pernic-

ious children's parties. I've counted

12 children who have been made ill

in the past two weeks from eating a

conglomeration of sweets such as no

sane mother would think of giving

very word is fraught with joy for

them, so why not have sensible par-

ties, warranted to make them happy

Such a party recently given for a

four-year-old was in charge of a kin-

The table was decorated with a

huge birthday cake in the center, and

around this danced a circle of gaily

painted paper dolls. A paper doll

was at each child's plate and one of

the attractions after supper was the

of untwisted rope. Her stiff antics,

performed to music, delighted the chil-

Baked apple, skinned and cored,

was served. Then came cocoa and

popcorn and a birthday sponge cake

A Pairy Purty given a five-year-

The decorations consisted of wide

old child was carried out as follows:

strips of tarlatan running from the

chandeller to the backs of the chairs.

Pink and white flowers and candles

were used in abundance, and a bit

of glistening mica was sprinkled

about to increase the brilliancy of the

scene. The center of the children's

admiration was a buge pink satin bow

For refreshments there were corn-

starch pudding boats sailing on a sea

of yellow custard. Each boat carried

a tiny paper sail and each sail bore

for whom the cargo of fruit was in-

Served with the boats were rolled

sandwiches with ribbons, and also

buttered brown bread cut in strips

and piled up in corn-cob-house fash-

lon. There was "lovely pink lemon-

ade" to drink, made by diluting grape

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It is no uncommon thing for police-

A LOST MOTHER.

men to find lost children upon the

homes, but here is an interesting

who had the pleasure of restoring a

One morning, as the policeman was

sitting on a box in front of a drug

store, he was startled by seeing a

strange-looking animal crawling up

tion of the hand he caught it by the

tail. At first he thought it was a

known to him to which he could liken

it. He took it to police headquarters.

where it was kept on exhibition for

a time, but no one-not even a learn-

At length, as one of the officers

was passing a fruit store, he saw to

a small glass showcase a nest of

one at the police station. The fruit

found in a bunch of bananas just re-

ceived from South America. Return-

ing at once to headquarters, he fetch-

ed the animal imprisoned there, and

placed it in the showcase with the

babies. They at once ran up to it.

and showed by unmistakable signs of

joy that they had found a lost mother.

Finally, there appeared a "wise

man," who said that they were South

American mice, otherwise known as

kangaroo-rats. In shape and general

appearance they resemble a kangaroo

but have feet like the hands of a

monkey, having thumb distinct from

the fingers or toes, and, like the mon-

keys, they hang by their long tails.

Having satisfied their hunger, the lit-

tle ones went to sleep with their

tails coiled around the tail of their

mother, which she had turned over

way-could give it a name.

lost mother to her family:-

fuice with water.

this feative repast.

Pittsburg Press.

finished the feast,

dergarten friend of the hostess,

But children love parties! The

Said another woman, "Our town

"The only reason why I keep my

"I'll try to remember," whispered

ing to forgive us our sins."

me just now."

him to eat."

her child at home."

instead of ill.

WHEN UNCLE SAM SENDS HIS AIRSHIP FLEETISE



future. The War Department has ask- time ago he told a newspaper man ed permission of Congress to spend \$1.

The most exacting requirement is sued in the proposal by the War De- of St. Louis. Incidentally he mentioned partment is that before acceptance a the determination of the United States trial endurance flight will be required signal service officials to increase the of at least one hour, during which time airship facilities of the service. He the flying machine must remain contin- | said : uously in the air without landing.

length of time.

machines which the other fellows do not know and which must not be revealed. But Uncle Sam says to all such in his specifications that secrets cut no figure. He must have the goods. He says that the bidders must furnish complete scale drawings of their device in an ordinary wagon.

To protect the government against irresponsible and visionary persons who set up claims to be inventors of practical flying machines, bidders will be required to furnish with their proposals ing destructive bombs which could be in all \$100,000 for each machine. Ten a certified check to the amount of 10 dropped from overhead on to an enemy of these for coast defense would cost per cent of the price of the machine,

UNKNOWN.

By the side of a lonely mountain stream

A little rose-bush grew.

One little bud was all it had

Unknown to earthly eyes

In rays of glorious light

To drink the summer's dew.

Alone and friendless there it lived

From His home past the skies.

The sun rose from his eastern bed

When lifting her face to the hills,

So like the pure rose by the stream

And hearts pure in the eyes of God

The Burglar

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when the door opened and a remark

With one small satin shoe thrust dei

frately forward and one hand still rest-

ing on the knob of the door, which she

held open, her lips parted in an inar-

ticulate gasp of surprise, and her great

blue eyes wide open in sheer amaze,

she completely justified at that instant

prettlest debutantes of the last London

The Burglar at the very first glance

"Who are you?" demanded the girl,

though in a kind of fascination, which,

nevertheless, seemed singularly free

"Oh, don't you know?" he replied,

She regarded him for a moment with

with an apologetic gesture. "I'm a

the dawn of an appreciative smile hov-

oring round the corners of her beauti

"Mr. Tolroy," she said sweetly, "!

nicer if you took off that stupid black

The Burglar gave a little resigned

of black cardboard from his forehead

placed it on the table beside him.

He looked at her reproachfully.

"Surely you don't think I am such an

intolerable idiot as to break into a per-

son's house at night and run the fearful

risk of being shot by Sir Thomas just

for fun, do you? I was dining to-night

with Charlie Craster and Lord Pen-

hurst, and they bet me a pony that I

wouldn't burgle Sir Thomas' house and

fetch away a sliver teapot, or some-

"To think that you should have rec

low, musical laugh. "I recognized you

think I should have come into the room

conceded it. The slight shade of an

noyance that crossed his features pass-

Was a rose of purest white,

Fruition comes from woe;

Unknown may be below.

-Weekly Ronquet.

hold, facing him.

with a little bow.

peremptory voice.

ful little mouth.

burglar."

mask."

didn't know?

about his trip from St. Louis to the 900,000 or so for coast defense airships. Chesapeake bay in a balloon, the contest being planned by the Aero Club

"There is no longer any question Right here is where the inventors of about the airship being the best means flying machines "fell down" with the of obtaining information about an en-French government not long ago. The emy or foreign foe. For instance, we inventors reside in Dayton, Oblo, and can examine the situation of great the French representatives said that areas of land. Now, when a general they would buy the machine if the in- goes into battle he must know exactly ventors would operate it successfully. how the land iles. We know, of course, making a flight of a certain number of by maps. But it is impossible for one miles and remaining in the air a certain | man to obtain an accurate idea of the To make a long story short, the lies as far as his opponent is con-French did not buy the machine and cerned except by getting what is called a bird's eye view. That is the whole hibited by the peace conference held A number of inventors pretend that secret of the worth of the airship—to The Hague. This compact still holds they have certain secrets about their get the bird's eye view. Balloons for for five years. No balloon or airship this purpose are out of the question be is to carry dynamite or other explosive cause of the fact that they cannot be bombs. controlled except as to altitude. Motors are now being hung under them so that they can be driven about with

"It is not necessary to go into the The gas bag or other vital apparatus problem in the best way, and I am sure that we in America can do this better than any one else."

Some people imagine that the airship each one must have a shed and gas will be used for the purpose of carry- plant where it is to be located, making in camp. This mode of warfare is pro- \$1,000,000,-Chicago Inter Ocean.

PLEASE MOON!

I watch you every night go sailing

Beasie, as she ran off to make up Round, shiny moon. with Howard,-Jewels. Want you, I do. Want to play ball very muchly with

I'd take, ch. moon, Our ladder high, Climb it, and reach you down out of

the sky. But you come, moon, High overhead

When I'm all safely tucked up in bed

So, lovely moon, Please come by day, When I and ladders are not put away.

-Elizabeth C. Webb, in the Wash-

ington Star.

BLIND TOM. Many years before the war, when the chief wealth of the south lay in its slaves, a little blind baby was born in the "quarters" of one of the big plantations. He was as black as the ace of spades, and with his open, unseeing eyes he was indeed grotesque-looking object. As he grew older he grew ugiler, and, worst | Dance of the Jointed Wax Doll, given of all, his mind was stunted, so poor by an aunt of the tiny host. The little "Blind Tom" was not looked Jointed Wax Doll wore a short child's upon as a valuable possession, and dress, a huge hat made of crepe paper very little notice was taken of him. for he was allowed to roam where he would, and many a time he skipped the "quarters" altogether, only dren. to be caught stealthily creeping into the "big bouse" and hauled ignomini- piled in sherbet glasses with cream

ously back to where he belonged.

Still be persisted, and at last one finger rolls tied in pairs with baby day when no one was looking he ribbon. Ice cream garnished with succeeded in crossing the threshold and it did not take his simple mind long to determine where he wished to go. He went straight to the parlor, where a piano stood wide open -some one had been playing, for Blind Tom had been listening out side, just under the window, and the tune was ringing in his cars when he crept in. He climbed upon the plano stool and began to finger the black and willte keys, timidly, for "It's just the very thing. Let's put it he was afraid of being caught. At first he picked out the tune he on the table had just heard, note by note; then by degrees the whole melody rushed to his small and grimy finger that, and Blind Tom, him big builet head thrown back, let himself go in his | in large letters the name of the guest ecstasy and forgot there were such things as forbidden premises - for tended. got everything, in short, save the music which was waking the echoes of the quiet, drowny house.

One of the young ladies of the famfly heard the unusual sound and crept downstairs to listen. When she saw Tom at the plano she stole softly away and called the othersthe half-witted child seemed inspired and plazed on and on astounding everybody by his brilliant perform-

That was the beginning of Blind and when the afternoon was ending, Tom's career. He became a cele- and the children were about to leave, brated figure in the musical world; a large fairy with glistering wings through his heaven-sent gift of lmi | went about distributing bunches of tation. A piece of music once played pink sweetpeas in the midst of which was forever impressed on Tom's im- peoped the smiling faces of small perfect brain, and the result was mar. china dolls .- J. Z. Hegner, in the

He turned out to be the most priceless treasure his "white folks" owned, and even after freedom he stayed a deep breath. "Now, please, take the with them going from city to city streets, and to restore them to their on concert tours where he made immense sums of money

His nature, like his brain, was of story of a Colorado Springs officer strange moid. He was particularly cruel. He loved to hear of pain and sickness and even death, and though he had the best of masters he could not bear correction patiently, and "No-not again-not once," she warn- thought no more of knocking down a teacher who was brave enough to his trousers' leg. With a quick mofind fault with his playing than of turning around on the music stool. rat, but it was unlike any rat or That was his way of showing displeasure, and after some specially mouse he had even seen. Plainly it was neither squirrel nor gopher. brilliant performances, when an ennor could be think of any animal thusiastic audience went wild. Blind Tom always applauded himself and danced around the stage in an ec-

> For many years he toured the couned college professor who chanced that try, always accompanied by one of the same family, always showing the same marrelous air and wonderful knowledge of music, and although today there are many musical prodigies seven baby animals exactly like the there has never risen one quite as remarkable as our ungainly, ugly, dealer told him that they had been half-witted old "Blind Tom."-Belle Moses, in the Washington Star.

HOW BESSIE FORGAVE.

Beasle twisted the corner of her pinafore into a little roll, and pout "I'll just forget all about it." she said to herself, "but I won't

ever, ever forgive him. Bessie Sought she was talking to berself, but mother had overheard "Why, whom is my little girl never going to forgive? 'Never' is a very long time, remember," she said.

Bessie started, "It's Heward mrcher," she answered. "He tied Kittens up in the yard and then let Towser bark at her until the poor thing was frightened to death."

"But didn't Howard let her he saw how frightened was?" asked mother. "And I think I heard a little boy saying he was

The officer declares that, when he first discovered the strange animal "Yes, he did, but I can't forgive crawling up his leg, there was an him, all the same," Bessie persisted. appeal for help in its eyes-the look The same afternoon, Bessie rushof a stranger in trouble, in a strange land!-Ella Beecher Gittings, in

ed into her mother's room. "I've done something dreadful, mother; do forgive me I'm so sorry. I was dig- Unity. ging up my bed with my new shovel The average amount of sickness in to plant pansy seeds, and, and-f human life is nine days out of one turned over all your little crocus bulbs-and they're just beginning to year.

"Let the laws be strengthened for the actual offender, so that his pasishment shall follow fast upon the offense. Let laws be passed which chall make it certain that free speech and a free press do not authorize an me cessorial connection with murder. Let there be laws which shall specia protect those in authority-executive, legislative and judicial-for these are the nerves of the body politic. Let immigration be kept within bounds, and let there be a quarantine against moral as well as physical disease."- George

Made G. Bernard Shaw Famous. and had beautiful flaxen bair made talk, but unlike many men afflicted with that complaint, he really says some

> well as Englishmen appreciate and enjoy. In the following collection of epiworth considering: The characteris-

GEO. R. BHAW. class ruin him in another. If you are a cierk, take cure not to behave like a

Self-denial is not a virtue; it is only the effect of prudence on rascality.

when he is only uncomfortable. on earth; and our success is a moral

It takes an Irishman years of restdence in England to learn to respect and like a blockhend. An Englishman will last respect nor like anyone else.

wintergreen candy pattles concluded its supreme satisfaction in self-sacri-A fairy tableau was enacted on the fice; such an affectation would stamp lawn by five little girls in costume, him as a coward and a weakling. Women who yearn for self-sacrifice are mere ly overworked.

We live to an atmosphere of shame. We are ashanied of everything that is real about us-astramed of ourselves, of our relations, of our incomes, of our accents, of our opinious, of our experience. The more things a man is

ashamed of the more respectable he is. A modern gentleman is necessarily the enemy of his country. Even in war he does not fight to defend it, but to prevent his power of preying on it from passing to a foreigner. Such combatants are patriots in the same sense as two dogs fighting for a bone are lov-

If you begin by sacrificing yoursell to those you love, you will end by hat ing those to whom you have sacrificed

Beware of the man who does not renor allows you to forgive yourself.

not do it by haires. You have learned something. That

Self-sacrifice enables us to sacrifice

other people without blushing.

CLEVER FINGERS.

Handiwork of Many a Princess Is

Can a princess earn her own living? Most assuredly she can, or could if she had to, for the royal ladies of Europe are a very clever set of women. The Duchess Philip of Wurtemberg.

for instance, who is one of the most popular royal ladies in Germany, contrived such a scientific surgeon's bandage that it has been taken up by manufacturers and patented.

Then there is the royal watchmaker, the Princess Hermione of Reuse, who is of England designed for the a skilled watchmaker and whose work of the persecuted male and has often been shown at exhibitions all man has ever had the

tria has a remarkable hobby in the solemnly enacted that making of scented wax candles, which who, from that date, she molds and prepares with her own fingers. A storm in a teapot was re- jects of her majesty cently raised in Austrian court circles hair or any other t by the princess characterizing as "pre- tion with her be posterous extravagance" a time-honored paints or cos custom observed in all Austrian pal- as for fraud and a aces, that a candle which has once been cause harm." extinguished may not, under any circumstances, be relighted. As the Archal duchess Friedrich was greatly admired by the Emperor Francis Joseph, h

## A FEW EPIGRAMS.

George Bernard Shaw just loves to good things-things

ties that make a

Greatness is only one of the sensations of littleness.

Are you going to spend your life saying ought, like the rest of the moralists? Turn your thoughts into shalls,

An Englishman thinks he is moral Every true Englishman detests the English. We are the wickedest nation

borror.

No man pretends that his soul fluds

Pink ice cream, wafers and pink

ern of animals.

He who believes in education, criminal law and sport needs only property to make him a perfect modern gentle-

The golden rule is that there is

turn your blow; he neither forgives you If you injure your neighbor, better

always feels at first as if you had lost worked

Admired.

over Germany.

pronouncement resulted in an order ing forth that the custom—at all ave

Even hat making is not beneath th royalty, and the Duchess of Guine (who was Princess isabelle of Bourson-On leans) is a skilful milliner and ma one of the best dressed women in Its which Americans as rope and invariably has ber dre trimmed with her own handiwork.

Princess Carl of Sweden, a daugh of King Frederick VIII, of Denum has since her early days been a clave maker of children's toys. In the Eur caustic pen one may | ish capital, l'rincess Ingeborg's name is findseveral thoughts synonymous in this connection wi

The Kalserin's favorite collar, birthday present from Princess Arun of Bayaria, is a beautiful place work, which took the royal lace me Princess Arnuif of Bavaria, wi

still Princess Therese of Lischt was one of the stanchest patrons charity basears in Vienna. The be ful laces which she then made is often seen in the Austrian capital

NOVEL IDEA IN BRIDGES

Minnesota Gunius Davines & ture that Swings Above 3 With the idea in mind of with a clearance of sixty foot Swemeson, consulting engineer, has signed a lift bridge intended to at



the complicated mechanism of the dinary bascule bridge, and the es strending its adaptation to special e ditions, and made a sketch of thing new in the lift beidge tree.

Mr. Swemson considers the plan b pended on two trunions which read fixed portal-formed towers at the or ance for the largest reseals.

All the devices will be operated for

Seck to Simple Warn. Abe, a light mulatto, called upon

minister for whom he had I "Yo' know, boss, I'se gwine he ried nex' week," he admitted ly. "I'se gwine to margy Miss."

wants ter be married just like folks." "All right, Abe, I'll you want," the minister replied "How much you gwine charge?"

"It will cost you \$5 to be lke white folks." Abe scratched his we'll had ter be married like folks, then," he said, "You "

w's goin' to housekeepin', and got but \$8." An Odd Old Emplish I

voke. It was passed d The Archduchess Friedrich of Aus. of Queen Elizabeth w cajole into matr

Moon, silver moon, Up in the sky.

Rifles have been invented with such

high power that if a balloon is sighted

over a camp or fortification it can be

hit at the distance of several miles.

could be riddled with well-directed

which one invention is pitted against

instance, like the one operated by San-

tos-Dumont, is about \$60,000. Then

"Will this one doy" she asked.

"Admirably," he said, brightening.

"Wait a moment," she replied, with

tantalizing deliberation. "Before I give

"A pony," he corrected mildly. "Yes,

"Go on!" she commanded sternly.

"If you will promise to marry me,

"Oh." she cried, "you have made me

"tirent beavens." be elaculated,

stooping quickly and picking up the

the excitement of the moment, shoot us

They listened a moment in tense, any

long attitudes, but not a sound came to

"Safe!" she exclaimed at length, with

drop it again and really do wake some-

"Tou're an angel," he murmured, at-

tempting once more to fold her in his

embrace, but she cluded him with a

ed him, "till you bring back the tea-

The Burglar placed the teapot care-

fully in his bag, put on his overcoat,

thrust the black mask into his pocket,

"Then I will bring it back to-morrow

morning-early," he said, with quiet

"Tenhurst," he said, an hour later,

to a very sleepy roung nobleman, "I

don't want to disturb your slumbers.

nor Craster's, but you can kindly write

me out a check for £50. Here's Sir

Paved with Tombstones.

about the beautiful building," writes

Dr. Sundermann from Mayence to the

drai of that place, "is the pavement.

This is made with stones on which

"Not the least noteworthy thing

Tho.sus tempot."-The Sketon.

quick, supple movement.

and looked at her solemnly.

decision. "It is agreed."

The cost of these airships, say for

strength of an enemy and how the land

certainty and dispatch. and they are notified that it is desira- question of operation with any one here ble that the machine shall be capable in this country. There are no secrets shells. Of course, war is a game in of being easily and quickly taken apart | here or anywhere. It is only the quesand reassembled and be transportable tion of working out the details in the

Mr. Tolroy? You've got one horse already, baven't you?" But God e'er watched o'er this lone bush

> tremely having to hand over to Pen- a horse?" hurst and Craster." 'I think I should, too," she remarked I I will promise both things faithfully, if pensively. "Both Mr. Craster and Lord -observe, it's my turn now !-- if---" Perburst are quite rich enough as it is,

whilst you .... She paused and bit | "If ....." her lip.

profession lately Burglary struck me as a not upprofitable one." "You are not fitted to be a burglar." fallen utensil. "And he'll probably, in she said decisively. "You must choose

and the Belle ! another profession, in which you are both!" less likely to-be shot by Sir Thomas!" The Burglar sighed heavily. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

am shot?" he muttered. The Burgiar was at the sideboard "It matters a good deal," she exclaimed with energy.

ably beautiful girl stood on the thres-

to your friends, for instance," "Oh, they wouldn't mind much," he



"I'M A BURGLAR." think you would look eyer so much

such heaps of other fellows to take one's place, you know."

gesture; then carefully removed the bit little confused. The Burglar took a step forward and stood looking down at her with a suc egnized me!" he murmured, as he den expression of earnestness.

"Would you?" he asked bluntly. "Recognized you!" She rittered a Her eyes dropped, and she let her cheek rest on her hand as she gazed at of preservation."

and talked like this to a burglar I "achieves much." "It certainly would not have been of protest. "You are the belle of the eigners. Le Tour du Monde contains strictly proper,' he admitted; "but I London season — whereas I am this enlightened remark upon the pres-

> es without raising her head. "A burglar!" she said softly.

moment," he declared firmly. "And the teapot?" she inquired. He looked at her with a pathetic ap-

"It means £50 to me," he said apolo-She rose, and, crossing to the side thing of the kind—to prove I had really board, opened it, and drew out a small got in, you know; and I took the bet, lativer teapot, which she held up.

and they are waiting round at Craster's chambers for me now."

"But"-she knitted her brows in perplexity-"what do you want a pony for, | into the bag at once."

"A popy," he explained, glancing at it you you must promise me two things. her severely, "is not an animal-I The first is, that you will return the mean, not always an animal," he cor- teapot intact to-morrow; the second is. rected himself. "In this case it is a that you will never, never, never try sum of 130, which I should regret ex- to be a burglar again-not even to win

"th," said the Burglar, "don't mind he said, as, with a swift movement, h finishing the sentence, please. I'm not suddenly classes her in his arms. rich. I'm only a counger son, and -to be quite candid with you - I have been drop the teaper-and the noise wil seriously thinking of taking up some very likely wake Sir Thomas "

"What does it matter, after all, if I break the peaceful stillness of the

"To whom?" he asked in dejected tenpot and go-go at once, before you

"To whom? Well, to-to-" she one. I will let you out quietly by the paused an instant, "to lots of people- front door-"

assured her cheerlly. "They'd get over

It in a day or two. I really don't think | Wochenschrift, referring to the catheanybody would mind much. There are

"Don't be silly! They would mind.

the moment I shut the door. Do you the dying embers in the grate. "Who dares greatly," she murmered. "But you!" He made a mute gesture raphy are not always observed by for-

imagined my disguise to be quite per- only---" She looked up at him under her lash-

"I renounce the profession from this line will become total abstinence ter-

there are Hebrew letters, which aroused our curiosity. Investigation showed Some would," she replied, becoming a that the stones at one time marked graves in the Jewish cemetery and had been taken thence when there was a scarcity of building material and used to pave the cathedral. They have remained there ever since, and some of the inscriptions are still in a fair state

> Mason and Dixon's Line, Fine distinctions in American geogent prohibition movement in the South:

If, in America, one draws a straight

line from the City of Mason to the City

of Dixon, soon everything South of that

ritory.

For Engagement Rings. "Why did you accept George so suddenly after you had refused him only last week?"

"Because I read in the papers that diamonds were getting cheaper."-Bal-

Mother looked at the forlorn little

sprout-they'll all be spoiled!" girl a moment, and then mid, "I'm | lished in 1896 by imperial decree.

The Chinese postoffice was estab-

R. Peck at Memorial Session of the United States Court of Appeals, ess was concerned-should Some of the Sayings Which Have of artificial flowers. She is conside

> skilled workmanship. three and a half years to con

the Narrows at Lake Min fensible than the bob-fall dra



has drawn fundamentally simple. ordinary span is by vertical arms of the bridge. The entire bridge be swung around a horizontal li dinal axis so that when the beld open the movable span occupies a ma inverted position, with enough a

the room in the upper part of the fire towers. Automatic gates will close t rondway, when the gate bridge is as -Minneapolis Journal,

Felicity Johnson, an' May she say