Young Folks Corner.

A Small Girl's Wishes.

I wish I had a dolly,
To make my doll a dress;
I don't want a big piece,
A yard'll do, I guess.

I wish you'd fixed my needle,
And find my thimble, too—
I has such heaps of sewing,
I don't know what to do.

My Hoppy tored her apron
A runtlin' down the stair,
And Caesar's lost his pantaloons
And needs another pair.

I wants my Maud a bonnet,
She hasn't none at all,
And Fred must have a jacket
His other one's too small.

I wants to go to grandma's,
You promised me I might;
I know she'll like to see me—
I wants to go to-night.

She lets me wash the dishes,
And see in grandpa's watch—
With I'd two, four pennies
To buy some butter-scotch.

I wants some newer mittens—
I wish you'd knit me some,
Cause most my fingers freezes
They leak so in the sum.

I wore'd 'em out last summer,
A pullin' George's sled;
I wish you wouldn't laugh so—
It hurts me in my head.

I wish I had a cookie—
I'm hungry's I can be;
If you hasn't pretty large ones
You'd better bring me two.

Good Morning.

Don't forget to say "Good Morning!" Say it to your parents, your brothers and sisters, and your teachers—say it cheerfully and with a smile; it will do you good, and do your friends good. There's a kind of inspiration in every "good morning" heartily spoken, that helps to make hope brighter and work lighter. It seems really to make the morning good, and to be a prophecy of a good day to come after it. And if this be true of the "good morning," it is so also of all kind, heartsome greetings; they cheer the discouraged, rest the tired one, and some how make the wheels of life run more smoothly. Be liberal with them then, and let no morning pass, however dark and gloomy it may be, that you do not help at least to brighten by your smiles and cheerful words.

A Sermon Preached to a Preacher.

A little shoeblack called at the residence of a clergyman in Philadelphia, and solicited a piece of bread and some water. The servant was directed to give the child bread from the crumb basket, and as the little fellow was walking slowly away and shifting the gift between his fingers for a piece large enough to chew, the minister called him back and asked him if he had ever learned to pray. On receiving a negative answer he directed him to say 'Our Father,' but he could not understand the familiarity.

'Is it our father—your father—my father?'

'Why, certainly.'

The boy looked at him a while and holding up his crust of bread, exclaimed,

'You say that your father is my father; arn't you ashamed to give your little brother such stuff to eat when you have got so many good things for yourself?'

The Bewitched Eggs.

The mayor of a certain village went to a small hotel situated not far from his part of the town, and asked for a cup of coffee and two boiled eggs. As soon as he opened the first, he found therein a long black horse-hair. He opened the other and found the same there. Those who were in the room were horrified, and thought the eggs must certainly be bewitched.

The man smiled, and asked the hostess from whom she bought the eggs. 'I bought them of little Lucas, the son of the broom-maker,' said she. 'Let him be brought here immediately,' said the mayor. When Lucas came, the man said to him, 'Now, my rogue, you are found out. For some time one of my neighbors has complained that some one took the eggs from her hens' nests so cunningly that she could not find him out, though she had watched closely. I told her to take several eggs and pierce them with a fine needle and then to insert a horse-hair, and return them to the nests. She did so, and now you see, to small a thing as a horse-hair has sufficed to convict you to a certainty of full evidence. Take him away, police, and put him in prison, and let him try bread and water for awhile.'

The cunning of the thief is almost always, sooner or later, baffled by the wit of justice.

A Practical Lesson.

A young man stood listlessly watching some anglers on a bridge. He was poor and dejected. At last, approaching a basket filled with wholesome-looking fish, he sighed:

'If now I had these I would be happy. I could sell them at a fair price and buy me food and lodging.'

'I will give you just as many and just as good fish,' said the owner, who had chanced to overhear his words, 'if you will do me a trifling favor.'

'What is it?' asked the other.

'Only to tend this line till I come back; I wish to go on a short errand.'

The proposal was gladly accepted.—The old man was gone so long that the young man began to get impatient. Meanwhile the hungry fish snapped greedily at the baited hook, and the young man lost all his depression in the excitement of pulling them in; and when the owner of the line returned he had caught a large number. Counting out from them as many as were in the basket, and presenting them to the young man, the old fisherman said:

'I fulfil my promise from the fish you have caught to teach you whenever you see others earning what you need, to waste no time in fruitless wishing, but to cast a line for yourself.'

The free use of celery is recommended for nervousness as well as rheumatism.

Gleams of Gold.

Marriage, to be happy, must be equal, and love is the only thing that always makes it equal.

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.

A single bad habit, in an otherwise faultless character, as an ink-drop, soileth the pure white page.

Nothing is more dangerous than an imprudent friend; better is it to have to deal with a prudent enemy.

To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities, is the glory of man.

All gaming since it implies a desire to profit at the expense of another, involves a breach of the tenth commandment.

A deacon who had lent the horse that ran away and threw the clergyman, claimed credit for spreading the gospel.

If we knew how little others enjoyed, it would rescue the world from one sin; there would be no such thing as envy upon earth.

A Peoria woman sneezed her jaw out of place yesterday, and the married men of the place have been burying snuff ever since.

The difference between a man who digs in the ground and one who digs in books is that the former digs for hire and the other for love.

They who live under a tyranny, and have learned to admire its power as sacred and divine, are debauched as much in their religion, as in their morals.

A doting mother of a wayish boy having bottled a lot of nice preserves, labelled them, 'Put up by Mrs. Boo.' Johnny having discovered the goodies, soon ate the contents of one bottle, and wrote on the bottom of the label, 'Put down by Johnny Boo.'

'Didn't you tell me, sir, you could hold the plough?' said a farmer to a green Irishman, whom he had taken on trial. 'Arrah,' said Pat, 'how could I hold it wid two horses drawing it away from me? But give it me in the barn, and I'll hold it with anybody!'

A saloon-keeper, having started business in a place where trunks had been made, asked a friend what he had better do with the old sign 'Trunk Factory.' 'Oh,' said the friend, 'just change the 'T' to 'D,' and it will suit you exactly.'

A House without Pictures is like a stem shorn of its fair flowers. If you would make a room look neat, cheerful and homelike, first, and above all else, rob it of its staring, naked walls, by covering them up with modest and refined pictures.

A good burglar alarm for doors of hotels, houses or private rooms, is easily made. Place a wash bowl on the floor under the knob. Then let the key rest lightly on the inside edge of the lock so that it will fall into the bowl or pail if nippers or false keys are used. The racket will drive away the boldest burglar.

At a recent wedding the bridegroom being an officer, wore his side arms at the nuptials. A little wide-awake brother of the bride was attracted by the display of weapons, and he had another sister, whose true-love was a carpenter. He boldly enquired, 'May when Jenkins comes to marry Milly, will he wear his saw by his side?'

A little fellow ran to his mother the other day, and asked, 'Ma, can I have some bread and jam?' His mother, wishing to break him off the vicious habit, replied, 'When I was your age I couldn't get anything to eat between meals if I wanted.' 'Yes' said the boy, after a moment's pause, 'but you didn't have a good, nice mamma, did you?' This settled it in favor of the young flatterer.

'Didn't you 'plain to me dat if I settled that account you would give me a 'lowance?' said the darkey to the merchant, 'If you are ready to settle your bill now, I will make a good allowance,' and the merchant waited for the colored individual to pull out his pocket-book. 'Well, sir, I hasn't got the money jus' now; but I thought I'd come in and get de 'lowance. My wife wants a shawl.'

The Miller and the Fool.—A miller, who attempted to be witty at the expense of a youth of weak intellect, accosted him with: 'John, people say you are a fool.' On this John replied; 'I don't know that I am, sir, I know some things, sir, and some things I don't know, sir.' 'Well, John, what do you know?' 'I know that millers always have fat hogs, sir.' 'And what don't you know?' 'I don't know whose corn they eat, sir.'

At Newark, New Jersey, the young ladies have organized a league, the object of which is to discourage the use of intoxicating liquors among young men. The constitution involves a personal pledge from each member that she will not associate with any gentleman who uses intoxicating liquor of any kind whatever. Now, let the young ladies of other towns be up and doing. Female influence in the cause of temperance is much underrated generally.

'Josephine, you have altogether too many cousins for a family that is fond of cold meat—you must look out for another place.' 'Oh, madame, please'—'It's no use—I give you warning.' 'All right ma'am—I take your warning, ma'am—and heaven knows, ma'am, it's glad I'll be to get out of this house ma'am. There's not a living soul in it I'll regret, ma'am, except Ponto.' 'Except Ponto?' 'Yes, ma'am except Ponto. The steps that dog saves a lady that has dishes to wash.'

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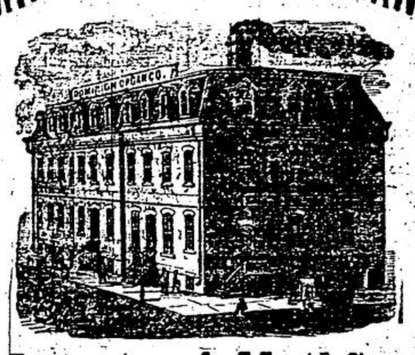

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