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THURSDAY MORNING, Feb. 3, 1881.

YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER.

ALL'S FOR THE BEST.

Therefore Trust in God's Providence.

All's for the best:—be happy and cheerful;
Troubles and sorrows are friends in disguise;
Nothing but folly is faithless and fearful—
Courage with wisdom is happy and wise.
All's for the best,—if a man would but know it;
Providence wishes us all to be bless'd;
This is no dream of the pandit or poet;
Heaven is gracious, and all's for the best.

All's for the best!—set this on your standard,
Soldier of sadness, or pilgrim of love,
Who to the shores of despair may have wander'd,
A way-wearied swallow, or heart-stricken dove.
All's for the best!—Be a man but confiding,
Providence tenderly governs the rest;
And the frail bark of this creature is guiding
Wisely and warily;—*all's for the best.*

All's for the best! then fling away terrors,
Meet all your fears,—neither falter nor faint;
And, in the midst of your dangers or errors,
Trust like a child, while you strive like a saint.
All's for the best!—unbiased, unbounded
Providence reigns, from east to the west;
Christians, by wisdom and mercy surrounded,
Should hope and be happy,—*all's for the best.*

Help One Another.

This little sentence should be written on every heart—stamped on every memory. It should be the golden rule practiced, not only in every household, but throughout the world. By helping one another we not only remove the thorn from the pathway and anxiety from the mind, but feel a sense of pleasure in our hearts, knowing that we are doing a duty to a fellow creature. A helping hand or an encouraging word is no loss to us, yet an untold benefit to others. Who has not felt the power of a little sentence? Who has not needed the encouragement and aid of a kind friend? How soothing, when perplexed with something that is most difficult and burdensome, to feel a gentle hand on the shoulder, and to hear a kind voice whispering, "Do not be discouraged; I see your troubles, let me help you." What strength is inspired, hope created—what sweet gratitude is felt; and the great difficulty dissolves as dew before the sunshine. Yes, let us help one another, by endeavoring to strengthen and encourage the weak; and lifting the burden of care from the weary and oppressed, that life may glide smoothly on, and the fount of bitterness yield sweet waters; and He whose willing hand is ever ready to aid us, will reward our humble endeavors, and every good deed will be "bread upon the water, to return after many days," if not to us, at least to those we love.

The New Boy.

He was a brand new office boy, young, pretty-faced, with golden ringlets and blue eyes. Just out of his little trundle bed in the middle of the night and transported beyond the stars. The first day he glanced over the library in the editorial room, became acquainted with everybody, knew all the printers and went home in the evening as happy as a sunbeam. The next day he appeared, leaned out of the back window, tied the cat up by the tail in the hallway, had four fights with another boy, borrowed $2 from an occupant of the building, saying his mother was dead, collected his two days' pay from the cashier, hit the janitor with a broom stick, pawned a coat belonging to a member of the editorial staff, wrenched the knobs off the doors, upset the ice cooler, piled three galleys of type, and smashed his finger in the mortal press. On the third day a note was received, saying:—"My mother doesn't want I to work in such awful place. She says I would make good preacher, or Duke, my finger is better; gone home. Yours."

You Will Not Be Sorry

For speaking kindly to one.
For hearing before judging.
For holding an angry tongue.
For thinking before speaking.
For being kind to the distressed.
For asking pardon for all wrongs.
For being patient toward everybody.
For stopping the ears of a tale-bearer.
For disbelieving most of the ill-reports.

Rules for Skaters.

Never get out of anybody's road.

If any one is in your road don't go round him—go straight through him.

Don't burden yourself with any extra wraps; shivering is pleasant occasionally.

When you find yourself falling, bring some one else down with you and be sure to keep on top.

If you happen to own skates, don't lend them to a little brother, a little sister, or any one else.

If a pretty girl comes along and capsizes at your feet, pick her up tenderly and offer her your arm.

Don't learn to skate by the old-fashioned method; try spread eagles at once.

If your sister takes a tumble, make out you don't see her; it's terribly stupid work to play the agreeable to an old poke like her.

If you fall, don't be in a hurry getting up; you can take a rest, and if a dozen trip and double over you it will only make sport for the crowd.

Benefit your friends, that they may love you still more dearly; benefit your enemies, that they may become your friends.

Becoming a Teetotaler.

The late Dean of Chicester used to tell the story of his becoming a teetotaler in the following way:—

I had, in my parish at Leeds a man who earned eighteen shillings a week. Out of this he used to give seven shillings to his wife, and spend the rest in drink. But for all that he was a good sort of a fellow. I went to him one day and said:—

"Now, suppose you abstain altogether for six months!"

"Well, if I do, will you, sir?" was the reply.

"Yes," I said, "I will."

"What," said he, "from beer, from spirits, and from wine?"

"Yes; and how shall I know if you keep your promise?"

"Why, you ask my missus and I'll ask yours."

It was agreed between us for six months at first, and afterward we renewed the promise. He never resumed the bad habit that he left off, and is now a happy and prosperous business man in St. Petersburg, and I am Dean of Leicester.

Can You?

Can any one tell why men who cannot pay small bills, can always find money to buy liquor and treat when among friends?

Can any one tell how young men who are always behind with their landlords can play billiards night and day, and always be ready for a game of cards when money is at stake?

Can any one tell how men live and support their families, who have no income and no work, when others who are industrious, are half starved?

Can any one tell why four-fifths of the young ladies prefer a brainless fop, under a plug hat, with tight pants and short coat, to a man with brains?

Can any one tell how it is that some mothers are always ready to sew for the distant heathen, when their own children are ragged and dirty?

The Human Figure.

The height of the human figure is six times the length of the feet. Whether the form is slender or plump the rule holds good; any deviation is a departure from the highest beauty in proportion. The face from the highest point of the forehead to the chin, is one-tenth of the whole statue. The hand, from the wrist to the end of the middle finger is the same. From the top of the chest to the highest point of the forehead is a seventh. If the face, from the roots of the hair to the chin, be divided into three equal parts, the first division determines the place where the eyebrows meet, the second the place of the nostrils. The height from the feet to the top of the head is a distance between the extremity of the fingers when the arms are extended.

Died From Swallowing False Teeth.

Mrs. Wellington Barnes, wife of an hotel keeper in London East, died yesterday morning in an extraordinary manner. About a week ago, while furnishing her teeth, two of the front ones, being artificial, were dislodged from the vulcanized plate and passed down her throat. She had uttered not a sound, the swallowing was quite unknown to her. Some little pain, but nothing serious was apprehended until Friday evening, when internal hemorrhage began violently, and she expired early yesterday morning.

Now is the season to drive cattle on the ice, if you want cowslips in water.

An Alabama paper published the following notice: "Married at Flintstone, by Rev. Samuel Windstone, Ephraim Grindstone to Emeline Sandstone, both of Limestone. Look out for small Grindstones, we trust not to be followed by Brimstone."

Never fail to answer an invitation, either personally or by letter. If it is an invitation to dinner by all means answer it personally. If it is an invitation to a wedding or donation party, a letter will do just as well, and is about ten times as cheap.

"How do you like the character of St. Paul?" asked a parson of his landlady one day, during a conversation about the old saints and the Apostles. "Ah!" said she, "he was a good, clever old soul, I know, for he once said, you know, that we must eat what is set before us, and ask no questions for conscience sake. I always thought I should like him for a boarder."

A four-year-old child saying her prayers at her mother's knee, having concluded as usual, with "God bless papa and mamma, grandpapas and grandmammas, uncles and aunts," etc., gave a great sigh, and said: "O mamma dear, I do wish these people would pray for themselves, for I am so tired of praying for them."

Great Clearing Sale at the Right House

Immense reductions in prices to close out the winter stock. Mr. Wm. T. Watkins having sailed for Europe this week to purchase supplies for this enormous house, Watkins has decided to make a great clearing sale at such very low prices as will cause a sensation amongst the ladies. Read a few of the reduced prices, and call and see the goods, and you will be sure to buy them. Ladies will please remember they can get almost any kind of goods they may require at the very cheapest rates. Very handsome all-wool French dress goods at 25c, well worth 37½c. Lots of grey lustres only 7c, worth 12½c. Piles of dress goods reduced to cost prices. Very nice all wool black cashmeres, wide and good, only 35c, well worth 50c. Better all-wool French black cashmeres in both blue and jet black at 50c, and up to $1. Nice black lustre from 10c up to the best. Colored lustres from 12½c. Good blankets at $2.37½, better at $2.75, and upwards to the best. All the blankets are greatly reduced in price. Good all-wool 28 inch grey flannels at 25c worth 35c. Nice white flannels from 20c up. Good scarlet Saxony flannels 21 inches wide, only 17c; 22 inches only 20c and 23½ inches wide only 25c. Winceys marked down very cheap. Nice black velveteens 25c, worth 37½c. Good Canadian grey cotton only 5c. Better and wider only 6½c. All the grey cottons are sold at the maker's prices. Navy blue flannels only 25c. Large well wadded quilts only $1.25, well worth $2.75. Nice white cotons only 8½c, worth 10c. Bed tickings from 10c. Just see the yard wide ticking marked down to 22c. Cretonnes marked down to 12½c and 15c. A large lot of beautiful cretonnes at very cheap prices. About 70 gross of nice dress buttons worth 10c, are being sold off at 5c to 6c. Men's woolen scarfs marked down from 50c to 50c. Corsets marked down from 75 to 25c. Ladies' hats and bonnets marked down to about half their value. Ladies' mantles and ulsters marked down to about half price. Just see these goods. Carpets greatly reduced in price. A large lot of remnants of carpets at an immense reduction in prices. Excellent huck towels 39 x 21 inches, only 12½c. Lots of ribbons marked down from 25 to 5c. Coats' best 200 yard 6-cord spools only 3c. Kid gloves marked down from 40 to 25. King st., close to Hughson st. Remember the name is

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The public are cautioned against a custom which is growing quite common of late among a certain class of medicine dealers, and which is this: When asked for a bottle of Pain-Killer, they suddenly discover that they are "sold out," "but have another article just as good, if not better," which they will supply at the same price. The object of this deception is transparent. These substitutes are made up to sell on the great reputation of the Pain-Killer; and being compounded of the cheapest and cheapest drugs, are bought by the dealer at about half what he pays for the genuine Pain-Killer, which enables him thus to make a few cents more profit on the worse than imitation article he can get off for the genuine.

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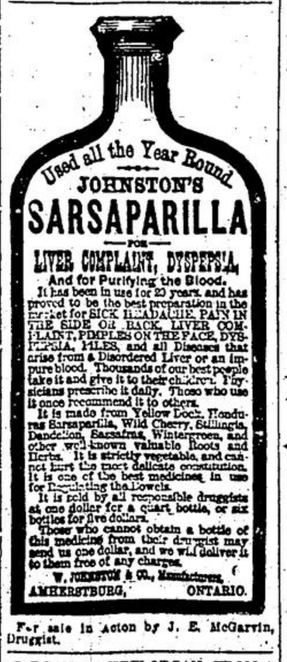

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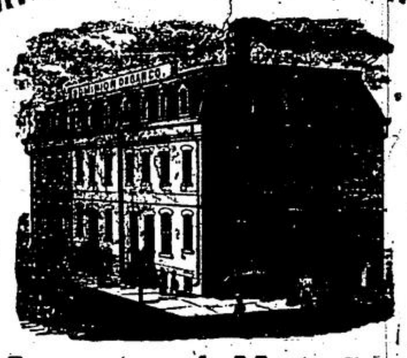

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