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YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER.

Papa, What is a Newspaper?

Organs that gentlemen play, my boy, To answer the taste of the day, my boy, That hit it in the key And pipe and fife concert away, my boy. Never a call comes to him, my boy, Advertisements, editorials and rhyme, my boy, Mixed up with all sorts Of flying reports, And published at regular times, my boy. Antislavery and wise, my boy; At least in the editor's eye, my boy; And logic so grand.

That few understand.

To what in the world it applies, my boy.

Statistics, reflections, reviews, my boy,

Little scraps to instruct and amuse, my boy,

And lengthy debate.

(On matters of state,

For wind-headed blots to perpetuate, my boy;

The age of Jupiter's moon, my boy,

The stealing of somebody's spouse, my boy,

The style of the forte,

And the wit of the public buffoon, my boy:

List of all physical ills, my boy—

Banished by somebody's pills, my boy,

Tell you what I desire!

Why any one desires,

What's the disorder that kills, my boy,

Who has got married—to whom—my boy,

Who were cut off in their bloom, my boy,

Who had had birth,

On this sorrow-strained earth,

And who totters fast to the tomb, my boy,

The price of cattle and cranes, my boy,

Directions to dig and drain, my boy,

But "twould take me too long,

To tell you in song,

A quarter of all they contain, my boy.

Are You There, Mother?

A mother one morning gave her two little ones books and toys to amuse them while she went upstairs to attend to something. A half hour passed quietly away, when a little ones went to the foot of the stairs, and in a timid voice cried out:

"Mamma, are you there?"

"Yes, darling."

"All right," said the child, and the play went on. After a little time the voice again cried:

"Mamma, are you there?"

"Yes, darling."

"All right," said the child again, and once more went on with her play.

And this is just the way we should feel toward Jesus. He has gone upstairs to the right hand of God to attend to some things for us. He has left us down in this lower room of the world to be occupied here for a while. But to keep us from being worried by fear or care, he speaks to us from his Word, as that mother spoke to her little ones. He says to us:

"Fear not; I am with thee, Jehovah, first, the Lord will provide."

Be Kind, Esto.

You are made to be kind, boys, generous, magnanimous. If there is a boy in school who has a club foot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a poor boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a lame boy, assign him some part of the game which does not require running. If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lesson. If there is a bright one, not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents, and another is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger stronger boy has injured you, and is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is than to have a great fat.

In Good Hands

He was a young country fellow, a little awkward and bashful, but of sterling worth of character. She was a Cincinnati belle, and had sense enough to appreciate his worth despite his awkwardness and bashfulness, and was his fiancee. On a gloomy Sunday evening, last winter, they were standing in front of the window in the parlor of her home on East Walnut Hill, watching the snowflakes rapidly falling outside. He was not up in society small talk, and being hard up for something to say, remarked as he watched the snow falling, "This will be hard on the old man's sheep."

"Never mind, dear," said she, slipping her arm around him, "I will take care of them."

A Farmer's Salary.

A writer asks, "What salary does a farmer receive?" and thus answers his own question:

He receives the equivalent of a larger salary than ninety-nine out of a hundred of them are willing to admit. They under-estimate their own profits, and over-estimate the profits of men living on our salary.

There is a great difference among those who live by farming. A great many work the soil because they can not live by anything else. Many of this class hardly deserve to be classed as farmers. They lower the standard of farming as a business.

The farmers' profits are concealed in the rise of lands, in improvements by ditching, clearing, and new buildings, more land, more tools, or better stock. Most farmers have no idea how much it costs them to live. They forget to figure in the pork, poultry, mutton, butter, flour, vegetables, etc.

The salary-man lives entirely by his individual efforts. In estimating a salary, we must do so by looking at the privileges enjoyed, the hard work of the brain and muscles, and the gain in property and improvements.

Toronto Oil Co. are sole manufacturers of "Cassino" Machine Oil. Infractions will be prosecuted.

Two Ways of Putting It.

Speakers who wish to carry a point generally select their comparisons to suit their argument.

In the Legislature of Ohio some years ago, there was a warm dispute whether a certain proposed railroad should commence at a given point down, or at a certain other point up, the river.

"Who ever heard," said down the river advocate, "of beginning anything at the top? Who ever heard of building a chimney from the top downward?"

Who ever heard,

"...in the most pleasant and healthiest climate known. Everything you ever heard of is bad."

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