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The Young Folks.

WHEN THE HENS BEGIN TO LAY.

There is laughter in the laundry.
There is cackling over the tubs.
With the hens comes the trumpet
and the roost begins to lay.

There are others in the henhouse.
There is wacking round the corner.
When the hens begin to lay.
There are smiles within the farmhouse.
When the lambs are at play.
When the little calves are dancing
and the little hens begin to lay.

There are coquettes surprised
On the farm every day.
And the hens begin to lay.
When the hens begin to lay.
Now the feathered have their time.
They like to have that time.
The roost has a nest.
When the hens begin to lay.

A TRUE STORY.

There is laughter keep between death and death.

Not many years ago two gentleman were standing at the edge of a coal pit in Staffordshire.

"My friend," said one in the other, "have you ever been down a coal pit?"

"No," replied his companion, who was an architect; "I have never found myself taken down a coal pit."

"But you would like to go down surely," said the first speaker, who supposed that his friend was rather alarmed at the forebodings of his fate.

"Having it written to me," said the second.

But his companion stiffly persisted in his refusal.

Just at this moment two colliers stepped forward and took their places, unhesitatingly, in the cage, preparatory to making their descent.

"Now, my friend," said the gentleman again, "here is your opportunity; these two men are just going down; and you have only to step into the cage—nothing is easier—and they will take you down in a trice."

But the architect remained firm and the cage was lowered without him.

At that instant, only a short distance down from the starting place, the rope suddenly broke, and both the unhappy men, who had entered the cage with such confidence a few minutes before, were dashed to pieces in their terrible fall.

"Thank God!" exclaimed the architect's friend, with tears of gratitude in his eyes; "I have indeed been taught a lesson today, and will never again laugh at those who may seem to me to lack courage, but are perhaps being held back by a merciful God from some step which would plunge them into destruction."—*Saturday Friend.*

RELIGION IN THE HOME.

This family is an older institution than the Church or the Sabbath school, and the family if more absent than the church or temple. The Christian communitate has always been the pastor or to a Sabbath school teacher the religious instruction and training of his children. Pastoral opportunity for influencing the minds and hearts of children, at their greatest impressibility, are far superior to all others, and when the parents rest and only the child has the greater obligation to train up his offspring in the way they should go. He cannot escape this duty by abandoning it to others.

And yet, if we may believe the frequent reports in our newspapers of various denominations and from all parts of the country, there is a general admission that religious instruction at home and the impressive exercises of daily family devotions are far less general than they were a generation ago. If this be so, then free, such indifference and neglect is criminal. How a God-fearing parent fails to induce the minds of his children with a deep and abiding reverence for the word of God, and with a grateful sense of His constant care and countless favors? How can one who fervently loves his Saviour, refrain from all efforts to train the little circle that brightens his home to love that Saviour, too, and to teach them that those who seek Him early shall find him?

Will our pastor be less zealous in his religious labours and more diligent in his religious instruction if he neglected this matter into consideration, and by kind and earnest counsel caused to awaken the heads of families to themselves and to their children when God has given them?—*Presbyterian Paper.*

B. LAWLESS BEATEN BY A CATECHISM.

A Chicago paper tells the story of an amusing scene in a court-room in that city. A little boy about eight years old was put on the stand as a witness, when the opposing counsel objected on the ground that the child did not understand the nature of an oath.

"Do you know what an oath is, Charley?" asked the judge.

"Yes sir," answered Charley; "it is to God to help you to tell the truth."

"What do you tell us all this?" frowned the opposing counsel.

"In the catechism," said Charley, "not to be beaten down by the biggest lawyer in the law-rooms."

"In the catechism? What catechism?"

"In the ten-cent catechism, sir."

"Who told you to look in the catechism for the definition of an oath?"

"My mother. She told me last night, and I wrote it down, and studied it."

"What have you got your catechism with you?"

"Yes sir, here it is," taking the well-thumbed little book from his trouser pocket.

"Now see the boy has his catechism," interrupted the judge with a smile; and a quiet intermission round the court-room was distinctly evident that the lawyer was being beaten by the child.

"Hem! Eat me the book. I wonder if you know anything more than it's in it. Who made you?"

"Why, God, of course," was the reply, as if the lad had spoilt the idea of being asked such a simple question, and wanted something hard."

Several questions were asked, and elicited ready replies. The lawyer saw that he was in for it and accepted the defeat as gamely as possible. Turning to the judge, he said:

"Your Honor, I guess we will accept this witness, and for this little book, I would submit it to my learned friend, the counsel for the other side, and recommend its careful perusal by him. It will do him good."

The superiority of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is shown by good checks on the children. Purchase a bottle, and give it a trial.

JINGLES AND JOKELETS.

Half an Hour with the Wise Men, the WIT and the Paraphrases of the Day.

Freeman's Worm Bitters require no doctor's purgative. They are safe and sure to remove all varieties of worms.

James H. Gilmour, of T. Gilmour & Co., Wholesale Grocers, Brockville, says—I have good Tamarac Oil for a severe cold and cough, which it immediately relieved and cured.

Prof. Low's Worm Syrup has removed tape worms from 12 to 30 feet in length. It also destroys all kinds of worms.

Cannot be Excited.

I have pleasure in saying that Hayard's Pectoral Balsam can be excused for curing Coughs, Colds and Loss of Voice. It cured my brother completely. So says I McNeall of Poplar Hill, Ont., regarding this popular remedy.

The extraordinary popularity of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the natural result of its use by intelligent people over forty years. It has proved itself the very best specific for colds, coughs, and pulmonary complaints.

Meet Uncle.

L. A. Hanson, of Brantford, Ont., says he has found Burdock Blood Bitter to be a good medicine for Liver Complaints, Headache and Diseases of Vision. B.B.C. improves the appetitive side of digestion and gives renewed strength to the worn system.

Wheezing, gasping sufferer from Asthma receive quick and permanent relief by taking the new White Sulphur Water.

Dr. J. Kavanagh, Practitioner of Uniflax Oil. Having it fit for success & cure, the two companies have been sufficiently capitalized to begin operations on a considerable scale. One of them is already a commercial agency for dry goods people.

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