I sense right well I'm losin' him,

I'm sartin thet thar Suran Bates

'Ull set him 'ginst bis maw:

She's inighty cute and pruity-

Her eyes et black et pitch-

An' of she hedn't stole my Joe

I her no gradge agin ber.

Er wish to pick a flaw !

Ter be my darter-'n-law.

I'm not goinsayin' cleh;

Her skin is w'te ez taller.

I'd like the little witch.

She's bed a heap o' offers

I've beerd my darter say,

War heresom in my day.

Is hariey jes' like this-

It's playin' secon' fiddle

But never gin a shuck for none

Till Joe stepped down her way;

'N' nen-but Joe's like me, an' I

Awe well : I 'spose each mother

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JOES WIFE. and paid for on purchase! I am feelfu' mighty trifflin' An' right low-spected; Au'cf I worn't sixty year. 'N' hedn't this gray head I'd jes' turn la sa' ber s cry On you four-posted bed. Wn Laury Relle was married I nevershed a tear; But wenche wer a darter An' got 'er settle near; I knowed her man was salfav. 'N' didn't seem to keer. . . But Joe's a marryin' ternight, My only boy-thet's Joe.

out into the garden.

The question was solved. Already Marian saw the way orening, at the end of which bong the pretty dress she had set her heart on. The last time she had been in the village she had looked longingly at a la daughter. Your mother shall be my beautiful organdie,- a pale lavender ground with a purple sprig on it; a dress which only one other girl in Hamerton could hope

o wear with becoming effect. 'I don't ask for much," said Marian That very evening Marian walked into Watkins, in a voice that showed wounded the village, and pricing the muslin, found feeling rather than anger, "but I do think that she could buy it, together with two or I might have a new dress, mother. I have three yards of ripbon for bows, all worked like a hired servant all the winter the triangle formed by the magic V of the and spring, and by the looks of things I'm five dollar bill, of whose possession she already fest care; for Briggs, the greenyear. I have earned the price of one many grocer, had promised her fifty cents | peck for green peas, and twenty, cents a quart Mr. Gault was poor and couldn't afford to for early strawberries.

pay for help I wouldn't complain; but you "How soon will your early green mess be know it is for you that I work and slave, ready, Marian ?" asked Farmer about a month later. "Aren't you behind time this year?"

"About Fourth of July next year," swered Marian, with a sancy toss of

"He's ast my father I" exclaimed the "And where's my money?" exclaimed girl, with an angry flash of the usually soft the angry farmer, planing at her. dark eyes, "and I thank Heaven for it "I'm sure it would puzzle a conjeter to But I'm going to have a new dress, mother for the Sunday-school pic-nic, and pechaps but I know where mine is, and I shall it will cost Mr. Gault more than if he gave take good care of it too;" and without

Already sorry that she had vexed he mother to no purpose, Marian caught up her sun bonnet and went out into the garden. lest she might be led into saying some-She knew that her mother had married Siles Gault merely to get a home for her self and her child,-his object being to get thoroughly was the forced to keep her part of the bargain that she was an old woman

remember, it's so long ago." But Marian was young and strong, and "Dress-dress-dress!" exclaimed Gault devotedly attached to her mother, and she bravely took her work on her willing shoulanything else, I wonder !! Not one of you life. ders; but when Mr. Gault thought to have can feel of a dollar without the wish to two faithful workers instead of one he was throw it away for a belt, a bustle or a bonmet by a few quiet words from his step-

Mrs. Gault thought of many a well-de-"No, Mr. Gault; I do my mother's work served retort, but she prudently said noththat she may rest, but if you are going t ing, and even Silas Gault couldn't keep up pile's double load on her you may hire some one to take my place. I have seen her a guarrel with no one to quarrel with Marian walked over to the village in slave herself to death long enough. Yesevening, intending to return with the longwished for, hardly exrued mushin for the work. From this hour I do ber work-all of it, but she does nothing. If that dosen't | new dress.

suit you, say so. I can hire out, and have an easier and pleasanter time, with wages enough to support mother in comfort, and speak with her, as he slways did at all that's what I'm going to do if you don't times when he met her. And in the course of their brief talk be mentioned a case of In vain Farmer Gault raged and stormer great suffering and sorrow in the house he and declared he would be master in his own

country, without money and without sooner heard of the circumstances.

s hard test. But what girl of twenty nothing to reproach yourself with-no one feels not now and then a desire for a new has ever done so much for our poor people dress? However indifferent she may be to is you have done ever since you came outward appearances, a time will come mong us. And this is not one of our poor when a new dress becomes all at once for you say she is an Englishwomen who has managed to get over here. Probably The new minister-the Reverend Roger one of the 'assisted emigrants' they com-Harwood-had consulted her about the plain of as going without permission to customary pic-nic for the Sunday-school Canada. It is really shameful, when we children, and as one of the principal teachhave so many wretched, unhappy boes o ers, Marian felt that she must present a

The new minister was young and hand some, and he had complimented Marian on

her particular class, and Marian feit a sidstopped abreptly and sahamed. den elation, a glow about the heart, and a thrill of pleasure such as she had never be fore experienced; and as she walked home repeating over to herself the Reverend Mr Harwood's pleasant words, and hearing again the sound of his pleasant voice, she became suddenly aware that her dress was old and out of date, her hat shabby, her playes threadbare, and her boots worn and mon kept repeating itself in her mind; of the least of these my brethren, te have

A pang of mortification succeeded her revious agreeable sensations, and the rest of the walk home was spent in the effort to devise some means by which these grave and unbecoming faults of costume might be The cobbler in the rillage, for whose sich wife Marian had done many a little ser-

vice, mended the broken boots till looked as good as new, and justisted on furnishing a new pair, to be paid for at the wearer's convenience; a charming new hat was manufactured by Marian's own delt fingers from an old fashioned Leghora straw hat that had been saved from Mrs. Gault's early wedded days, when Marian's own father had loved to see his pretty wife becomingly drossed; and a pair of genuine French kid gloves, spared by years and moths, were raked out from the same allarge for their former owner, and now fitted to perfection her daughter's shapely hand. Marian had succeeded in renewing her en tire costume with the exception of her dress-a formidable and necessary article,

and this she must have new and complete.

that time the girl had hoped that her moth. | for a moment, but in the next she said er might possess some hitherto unsuspected | bravely: influence over the miserly farmer to make him allow his step-daughter the price of a | You and I have the same complexion, and new gown in payment for all the extra I did want that dress for myself-but no work she gave him in her mother's Schalf. She knew how utterly without foundation such a thought had been, and she felt hard and bitter as she had never felt beford when she caught up her suc bonnet and mashed

in the white blossoms of the tall per vines were yet beginning to go to pod, and find. at the pic-nic ing that they were, she felt a thrill of plea-

trouble that old Gault- may have green peas before any one else. I know what

"And so you have, my dear child, but I

never have the handling of a dollar, Marian, and it's no use for me to ask your head. "I have already sold this year's

"Don't soold the girl!" exclaimed Mrs. and it's time she got something for her she hasn't had a new dress since-I can't

house. Marian said nothing, kept steadily The poor woman is alone in a strange at work, and looked after her mother's

comfort. But there was a calm determinfriends, and I fear her child will did before ation in her dark eyes and a firm expresmorning. Dr. Forbes his done what he sion about her curved lips that wore out could, but he fears that help has come too subject than any one can tell you; but her step-father's useless threats and anger Almost a year had passed, and Marian's satience and perseverance had atood many

"She is one of God's poor, wherever she comes from, my dear Miss Watkins." Mr. Harwood interrupted, gently; and Marian

"I'm sure I beg your pardon, Mr. Harwood," she said. "You are always right, bat don't let me detain you. Good night ; and as she turned from him Marish went directly towards the miserable looking house whence she had seen Mr. Harwood issue a few minutes before, and over and over again the text of last Sunday's ser-"Irasmuch as ye have done it 'tinto on

one it unto me." The poor woman's child was ill. indeed and its mother worn out. Marian found that the doctor had done whatever he could do, and Mr. Harwood had provided both food and medicine, but her quick, teminin eyes, had 'detected & dozen wasts that either of them had seen. In fact, where all was want it was difficult to choose what seemed most needed; but first Marian took possession of the child, and while the weary mother rested her aching head, the strong young girl washed the child, changed its garments, fed it, and hushed it to bleep in her arms. Then she hastened on to the village, but she didn't pause even to look at the pretty organdie her swift tootsteps visited the grocer, the druggist and a little store devoted to ready-made nothing for hood. By good chance they had been too | children, and finally she dispatched a messenger to tell her mother not to be alarmed if she failed to return home till morning. with the request that she would send back by the messenger milk, butter and eges. Un the next day the little child was bet | events.

ter, and the doctor told Marian that there There was positively no other way-it had | was now a fair chance for its recovery. to be bought, outright, at the village store | The cheering words elated the young girl, and when the presently met Emily Sparks .This was the subject on which Marian | and saw that she had just purchased the had, at last, forced herself to speak with lovely organdie muslip, with several yards her mother; and after doing so it was only of ribbon to match, she, well, it is useless a little more hopeless than before, for up to | to deny that she felt a sharp pang of regret

> "O, it will be so becoming to you, Emily. Before any man is allowed to take office

And, after all, Marian had no new dress for the Sunday school pic-nic. But herold white muslin was so beautifully ironed, and her mother had darned the rents so carefully, and goodness and sweetness did so For some minutes the walked rapidly up envelop her like a garment, that the Rev. and down, her gaze unconsciously taking erned Mr. Harwood thought her the love. liest girl he had ever seen, and scarcely that Harris, the hired man, had "staked" once looked at pretty Emily Sparks in her for her. Always deeply interested in her beautiful new organdie, which fitted like a garden, she paused to see if the young peas | glove, and was the admiration of everybody

usual, be ahead of everybody in the heigh. Harwood, and the admiration of all the hung his books to the horns of his buffalo Ray—a protty, snow white hen, with yel-borhood with garden produce. rest of the world was but vanity and vexa-that he might learn while following the low legs and bright, beady eyes. "And how heavily they will bear " she tion of spirit. When she returned home in plough; and of another who, too poor, to | "What shall we'do with her?" said mamsaid, aloud; why, there will be bushels of the moonlight Marian was a happy girl. afford himself lights at night, bored a hole ma. "We have more hens than I can them! And mother cares nothing about Roger Harwood was holding her ungloved in the partition and studied by help of his watch now. They scratch up everything." them. I don't know why I take all this hand in his, and he had already taken the neighbor's light. measure of her ring finger.

Bat, alas I Emily had dressed for the ex-

I'll do! yes, I will. Between the pees and | will miss me so much," faltered Marian, as | just going to give it up in despair when he | out of mischief." the strawberries I can get five dollars. I'll be urged ber to name a very early day for chanced to see an old woman rubbing a "I'll do it," promised Rayl the wedding, "and I really don't know how a crowbar against a stone. He asked her . "Cut-cut-cut-a-dar-cut!" cackled she will get on without me." "She won't be asked to, my darling! am not going to take her daughter from her | thought she would rub down the crowbar | eggs. -no, no! I shall give her a son as well as | till she got it small enough. The young | Perhaps she did, for she made a nice

mother, dearest, and if that unkind

way, her home is elways ready for her in our house as in our hearts." "O. Roger, dear, how good you are! and Marian lilted a sweet, happy face, over which another best in a good-night

aftempts to bully or ill-treat her in any

And Ellas Gault soon realized that I had lost more than the price of a new

Dear Girls: So many of you are earning your own living, errexpecting soon to ente the ranks of the bread-winners lif you are not invited to become bread makers , that I think a few plain talks on some of the most necessary qualification for women business and professional life would not i at all amiss. We must acknowledge that women do not enter the battle of business and professional life as well equipped as their brothers. Perhaps it is unfortunate that they have to enter the battle at all, tell that, Mr. Gault," retorted Marian, and perhaps they ought all to have men provide for them, and to take the hard knocks that they are now getting; but waiting for the threatening storm for fall theories have little to do with these real upon her, Marian escaped to her own inies. The dear old fathers sometimes grow weary with working for the girls; and the gay young brothers sometimes prefer to Gault, with unexpected spirit. "Both the look after some other fellows' sisters; and mes and strawberries belong to Marian. sometimes the princes who ought to appear She planted and tended them withou sot and carry off the girls with coaches and

much as 'thank you' these four years now. four are lords of only strong bodies and sounds minds and loving hearts, and have trouble. You never spent a dollar on her to work hard for even the pumpkins which beyond the actual necessities of life, and | are some time to be changed into rich coaches. So, as we all know, there are many circumstances which make in necessary for women to use their heads and in a farry. "Does a warman ever think of hands in providing the where-with-als of The first great disadvantage that con fronts the average woman beginning business is the fact that she has been trained without a due regard to the value of time.

Strive first and last and all the time learn the worth of time-not only of your own, but of other people's time. If you can't remember the precept in any other way, hang up over your deak or pin on your counter the word punctuality printed at the time of high water ends in a dein big black letters. There is probably structive crevasse, and a very slight agita-Just as she turned the corner leading into | nothing that strengthens the disrespec the main street she found berself face to that men feel for women's business ability face with Mr. Harwood, and he stopped to more than this utter disregard for this homely old virtue. I know a busy woman journalist, who has solemnly declared that never again will she enter into any engagement with a woman, for she has already wasted years in waiting for women who failed to appear at the appointed time and place. By the time you have been engaged in any business or profession six months you will probably know more about this late-I feel positively guilty that I had not the first of your experiences as "women of affairs" there is hardly anything that will "Oh, Mr. Harwood, indeed you can have help you more than a strict regard to the sacredness of time. And let me assure you that there is nothing that will earn for you a better opinion from your employers. have since deluged and destroyed human The man who wrote "Procrastination is the third of time," might well have added " Punctuality is the winner of money -

MORBUS SABBATICUS. Morbus Sabbations, or Sunday sickness, the connection between acts and scenes in a disease peculiar to Church members. our lives, that all unawares at the time, we The attack comes on every Sunday; no | yet find that the turning point in our lives symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well ; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues entil services are over for the morning.

Then 'the patient feels easy and eats a | in Thy hand; In all thy ways acknowledge In the aftertoon he feels much better | truths to be ever remembered; and we and is able to take a walk, talk politics, should certainly put our consciences and read the Bunday papers; he eats a hearty supper, and about church time he not make a simple best he best he can, has another attack and stays home. He retires early, sleeps well and wakes up house. A ship builder once put a worm Monday morning refreshed and able to go to | Baten plank in the side of & ship, and its work, and does not have any symptoms of loss at ses was traced to the weak spot. the disease until the following Sunday.

1. It quite often attacks members of the 2. It never makes it appearance except

3. The symptoms vary, but it never terferes with the sleep or appetite. 4. It never lasts more than twenty four 5. It generally attacks the head of

It is becoming fearfully prevalent, and is sweeping thousands every year prematarely to destruction. Grand temples are built of small stones,

and great lives are made up of trifling

6. No physician is ever called in to at-

CHINESE SCHOLARS. It has been said that there are more books published in chins, and more people able to read them, than in any other country in the world, and yet the Chinese language is such an exceedingly difficult one that it takes a boy the best part of his school life to learn to read the famous "Sacred Books," which every Chinese scholar is expected to know almost off by

under the Chinese Government, he is obliged to pass certain examinations in the books which are Aught in the schools and in some other subjects. If he does not succeed at one examination, he may try again and again, and it is no uncommon sight to see quite old men coming up for examination side by side with boys and young men fresh from college. When the man has passed the examinations he has a right to wear a particular

kind of button on the top of his cap, and by this button he is known to every one who sees him as a scholar or learned man. This is an honor very much coveted in sure at the thought that she would, as press purpose of charming the eye of Mr. China. They tell of one poor boy who

There is a third story of a young man little man's breakfast." laughed grandma. "All I'm alraid of is that poor mother | who found the work so hafd that he was | " And Ray must watch her, and keep her. why she was doing it, and she made answer | white hen as she few to the barn-and that she was just in want of a needle and Ray thought that she promised him the man (says the story) was stored up by the nest in the haymow, and every morning he sight of such perseverance to try again; he found a smooth, white egg there. went back to his books and at last reached the rank of the first three in the empire .-

GENS OF THOUGHT.

most indulgent.

In order to love mankind, expect but Nothing is more variable than the sky and one's own soul. The wisest men have always been the

One must know whether he would climb before he sets up his ladder. A good temper generally comes from thorough breaking and discipline. We can hardly learn humility and tender-

ess enough except by suffering. Religion is the deepest study of life, and few become accomplished students in it. In childhood be modest, in youth tem: ate, in manhood just, in old age prudent. Help somebody worse off than yourself. and you will find that you are better off

Do good to thy friend, that be may more than your friend; thy enemy, that he nay become thy friend. If you begin by apologizing for what cannot be defended, you will end by defending

True glory takes root, and even spreads; all false pretences, like flowers, fall to the ground por can any counterfeit last long. sarrow necked bottles-the less they have thent the more poise they make in pour-Look upward and onward. We learn

that rise before us. ate hurry to get away from there. THE IMPORTANCE OF LITTLE THINGS. Life is made up of little things, as a nountain is composed of atoms, and every reat thing or event in nature or in human experience has its beginning in little things. An ocean is but an aggregation of myriad drops of water; and all the forces, which we employ in the arts are only the gathering together of stoms and their developments in mass by the aid of properly devised machinery. A little break in a levee National Museum increases every day, and of slowly gathered snow with thundering even President Cleveland has cast a kindly oise and awful power down the mountain a destructive avalanche. When the Hell Gate had through a series of years been penetrated by galleries in which a large quantity of explosives were placed. child's hand sent the electric flash to the mine, and thousands of tons of rock were parst asunder, and the chief obstruction to New York harbor was a thing of the past The learning of the alphabet is the opening of future libraries to the child; and the Is this they were like men. The day they lisping of the first prayer is putting the sobered up," and not one of them could she in connection with all the spiritual forces of the Universe. The first glass is the beginning of many sorrows and wretched life. One single disobedience pens the doors to the floods of evil which

souls. How often it happens that by one act and that a seemingly insignificant one the whole life is changed. A lie, in the udgment of the offender, must be covered by other lies, until the whole moral nature is debased and debanched. And such is was a simple and to us a little thing. Size is a relative term, and pur conception the moral quality of actions is very seldom set at the proper gauge; and because the vership of the times. future to us is unknown. "My times are Him and He will direct thy paths," are

everything we do. 'A carpenter who will should never be trusted to build you How careful should we be with the little The peculiar features of this disease are things of life? Small courtesies kind words and gentle deeds will soon make a delightful character. "And as he think eth in his heart so is he." and so the very unsubstantial figments and vagaries of the brain enter into the formation of human character.-Let us teach the children " not to despise the day of small things;" but laying a right foundation of good principles let us urge them to be particular and conscientions about every thought entertained, every word uttered and every deed done, that the final outcome may be a life ap-

> Everybody's life and Bible are just made to go together. Everybody's Rible is most full of what their lives seem most empty he has been using Da Thomas

proved of God.

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HIS CARE. God helds the key of all unknown. "And I am glad : .-If other hands should hold the key,

Or if He trusted it to me.

I might be sail. What If to-tuarrow's care werk here Without its rest ? I had rather He unlock the day. And as the boom swing open say

" My will is best." The very dimness of my sight Makes me secure. Per, groping in my misty way . I kel His hand-I hear linu,say, "My help is sare." I cannot read His future pla

I have the smiling of His face And all the refuge of of His grace, While here below. . Enough: this covers all my want, And so I rest:

· Batchie I know.

For what I cannot Re can see, And in His care Laure shall be Farever blest. -Ret. John Parker.

WHAT BAY DID. One day grandma brought a present to

"She will lay an egg every day for our

One day Snowball-for that was her Ray hunted everywhere, but a week pass-

ed before he could find her, and then where do you think she was? She had stolen a nest of eags from another ben, and there she sat with her prett feathers all ruffled up.

Oh dear, she's sick" cried Ray.

"Cluck-cluck cluck! Leave me alone!" said Snowball, pecking at his hand. "Le: her be a week or two and see what she will find." said mamma. And sure enough! One day there was a great fuss and flutter in the barn, and Mrs. Snowball walked out into the bright, warm

sunshine with ten pretty, downy, chicken What darlings they were! Rsy took them in his arms and hugged them, and kissed them, one by one, and laid them gently down, But they did not stir egain, they did not get up any more. Mrs. Snowball scratched and clucked, and Pay cried, but the pretty chicken

babies never moved, for Ray had loved

SOME MATURAL HISTORY. Kalamazoo, has a parrot that, he wouldn't sell for its weight in silver .- On It is with narrow-souled people as with five different occasions has this intelligent bird saved the house from being robbed by burglars. The last time was on a recent night. The burglar-got the door unfastened, but when he opened it the parrot akked, climb by keeping our eyes, not on the valin a harsh stern voice, ". Hello there? leys that lie behind, but on the mountains What's the matter?" The burglar didn't answer but fell over himself in his desper-

> A Haist Hex .- A southern paper says that a lady at Indian Springs, Florida, has a hen that is quite a curiosity. It has coat of hair imstead of feathers, and it is a wonderful freak of nature. It came from a flock of ordinary hens, and the cause of its singular coat is a mystery. The freak lays, sets, and hatches like the common chickens, and some of its offspring are like the parent, but she has not succeeded, as ot in bringing them to maturity. A Traveller Bury-The ibterest taken in the little menageric attached to the

eye on it. One of the President's Christmas presents was an immense "golden eagle." Itiwas sent to him by Thomas Temlinson proprietor, of Tate Spring, Grange county, Kast Tennessee, and was received at the White House in a handsome coden cage, which was much admired. ONCE Was Exoren .- When a boy we r member to have seen a lot of hogs," blind drunk" on some damaged brandy peaches.

be tempted to eat a brandy peach. One ent was enough. In this they were un-As Our Squaren -Mr. Days Mathews rought to our office the other day a foxquirrel which he says was not less than wenty-five years old at the time it was killed. The squirrel's hide will be tanned by the foreman of our office. Handistrille.

DESINESS AND REMICION. So long as professed Christian men are wholly undistinguishable from men of this world, in the motives which prompt them make money, our sermons and Sanday services will furnish but a feeble breakrater against the worldliness and mammon

It is not enough that the Christian in business be honest. A man reay be strictly honest and yet be serving self, and self only all the while. It is not enough that he be Men of the world can be, and often are, liberal to a most commendable degree. What then ? . Why simply this: he must make his business promote the kingdom of Christ and pursus it for that purpose. If he is truly a servant of God, he holds his place in the business world with as distinct a divine call as ever put any man into the ministry, technically tocalled. He is where he is because God has nood of him in the work he requires do se in the world, just us much as he has need of the preacher or priest. If he pervert his trast to selfish or worldly ends, he is an apostate just as certainly as the preacher whose supreme motive in preaching is to better his worldly fortune.

Well it may be said that "a change amounting to a revolution mast come over Christendon in this respect before Christianity can fairly begin to accomplish its dission in the world."

Jacob Losckmap, Buffald, N. Y. says of most shortened in. Sometimes I think Dil for Rheumatism; he had such a lame God shows Himself in as many separate back he bould not do anything, but one Boripapres as separate souls; or as a soul's bottle has, to use his own expansion, "cured separate questions. It all suswers every! me up." He thinks it the boot thing in the.

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