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The Young Folks.

A GENTLEMAN.

I have lots for a certain  
boy who never fails;  
He loves books and other work,  
And when his way is broken,  
With little time for play,  
I'll give him a centime.  
But he's right to day.

He first made on the street;  
Of course he has little cap;  
My boy was not so bad; he walked there  
With a smile and a nod,  
And when I dropped my hand,  
He tried to pick it up for me.

This gentime is ten.

He does not walk and crawl alone;  
His voice is gently pitched;

He does not think his books about;  
He always likes to learn,

He always likes to let you know;  
He always likes to teach me.

The master tells the tale;  
At all times in the pastime.

Sings signs never fail.

-Homer's Young People.

Awards for Youthful Genius.

Children, the number of five hundred, who are giving the reader of *Homer's Young People* to be made happy by the receipt of prizes for articles of their own work that they have sent in to the publishers of the magazine. These articles consist of wood and metal work, pen drawings, original illustrated fun, descriptions of books, real plain and fancy sewing, lace and embroidery.

The first prize, a fine bicycle, has been awarded to Gardner M. Gale, aged fifteen, of Olean, N.Y., for a cutter. It has been highly admired by visitors, and Capt. Edward Patterson, of the navy, said that the lugs of the cutter are very fine.

Alice Sampson, aged nine, of Tarrytown, N.Y., was awarded a prize of a fine mahogany secretary for a very spirited pencil drawing of a festival party that would have done credit to a grown-up person.

Alice has all the girls who have competed for prizes. Otto Meier, of Washington, D.C., received a prize for a well finished cabinet box.

Kittie Uncar, aged fifteen, of St. John, N.B., got the first money prize for an edging on velvet, and Morton R. The, of Green City, Ill., was given \$25., a model of a locomotive that was well known in the Georgia raids during the war.

It consists of two hundred and twenty-one pieces, and took three months to make. The judges considered it a very remarkable piece of work.

Sett Hutchinson, aged fourteen, of South Dakota, sent in a list of four hundred books that he had read, with a brief sketch of each, headed by a picture in pen and ink.

It was considered the best contribution in this kind of work. C. Ernest Scott, aged fifteen, of Alma, Mich., read two hundred and nine books, and also gets a prize.

Charles Mertens, of Erie, Pa., sent a very good electric motor and switch and gets a money prize. Alice Winstanley, aged thirteen, of Yokohama, Japan, sent a pretty pair of mittens, and Emma Kidd, of Hoboken, N.J., a fine point lace handkerchief.

William J. Aywood, aged sixteen, of Milwaukee, sent a very good pen and ink sketch of a ship, and Robert W. Crum, who lives near Bajor, Me., sent a pretty model of a schooner, sail set, in full sail.

N.Y. Times.

Two Paintings.

Probably the smallest painting ever made was the work of a Flemish artist. It depicted a mill with the sails bent, the mill mounting the stairs with a sack of grain on his back. Upon the terrace where the mill stood was a cart and horse, and on the road leading to it several peasants were shown. The picture was beautifully finished and every object was well defined, yet so amazingly small that one can see the story goes, could be covered with a grain of corn.

In contradistinction to this, the largest painting—exclusive of frescoes and panoramas—in Tintoretto's "The Crucifixion" in the grand saloon of the Doge's Palace at Venice, is 81 feet wide and 34 feet high. Michael Angelo Fresco, in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican, completely covers the vaulted roof, which measures 133 feet in length and 43 feet in width. This painting delineates the creation of man, his fall and the early history of the world, with a reference to man's final redemption and salvation.

Necessity is the Mother of Invention.

Gen. Tom Thumb in his latter days became a slave to drink often being unable to appear in public on account of intoxication. A manager once when he was playing decided to watch him and never let him out of sight. At one time he had occasion to leave the hotel, and determined not to take any chances, taking off the belt. When he returned he was struck somewhere with a stick.

The belt was broken, but stretched upon the floor was Tom Thumb's belt, a yard long. It was soon explained. No sooner had the master left than the General pulled out his coat and it attracted the attention of the belter. Slipping a dollar under the door he induced the boy to go to a saloon, buy a pint of whisky and an ordinary day pipe.

When the boy returned the general told him to put the pipe stem through the belt hole and pour the liquor into the pipe bowl. He did so and the dwarf standing on tip-toe placed his lips to the pipe stem and drank himself into total unconsciousness.

When are skipping jamb like library volumes? When they are boundin' sleep.

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