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The Young Folks.

THE LITTLE QUAKER MAIDEN.

It is very, very wicked to think that there are fairies and not so much as a fairy cat which exists in the house.

For, though such things dofully fall forty times a day,

The rise and twist and crinkle in a most unquicker way.

I know how very wicked it is to hate three crabs and brown.

And with the three crabs I am satisfied just like grandmothers go.

It seems so strange that all the flowers should be so gaily dressed!

The poppies and the buttercups each brightener than the rest.

And then a Sunday bonnet, with its Grecian

and pink and crimson and cream.

And poking him I pull it up, and then I pull it down,

I sometimes almost hate it, for it seems as if my face.

Ashamed and sad and ugly, but retreated into space.

Or if I only had a frock as blue's the summer sky.

With a ready soft and silky, of very brilliant drapery.

And a bright heavy laden with all the flowers that grow.

I'd be the happiest maiden in Quakerland, I know.

I always counted my birds by the looking-glass.

And mother gently chided in her quiet place.

"Ah! Ruth, my little daughter, she must think herself right fair,

Three tall full thrice as long's three need'd to only comb thy hair."

"I fear me, this does forget that life is short,

And days for work are passing which will never come again.

Pray Ruth, my child, remember still that father has three.

Whose lives have been the earliest work from childhood till its close.

I cannot understand it, why all the world's so bright.

Yet bright colors on a maiden are anything but right.

If God has made us Quakers, why green trees instead of gray?

And by all the flowers that bloom so brilliant and so gay?

If God has made us to be born, why are my eyes blue?

My cheeks are pale as pencils, my lips like cherries.

I cannot understand it now, perhaps I will some day.

When I'm as old as granpy and my yellow hair is gray.

HE KEEPS HIS WORD.

It was in a Cheshire restaurant. A solemn man entered, followed by his dog, seated himself, and called for the bill of fare. It was given him.

"What would you like to have sir?" asked the waiter, dipping him with his napkin.

The dog meanwhile had climbed upon the chair on the other side of the table, and was gravely regarding his master.

"Well," said the solemn man, reflectively, "gimme two fried eggs, turned over."

"Gimme the same," said the dog.

The waiter gazed at the animal with amazement, mingled with horror.

The solemn man said:

"Then you can gimme a rump steak, very rare with fried potatoes."

"Gimme the same," said the dog.

The waiter shuddered, and turning, fled for the kitchen.

A man at an adjoining table was much interested in the scene. He had observed it clearly, and finally said to the solemn man:

"It must ha' been a fearful lot of work to learn that dog to talk, mister."

"It was," said the solemn man.

"What'd you take for him, now?" said the man.

"Wouldn't tell him," said the solemn man.

You'd better not," said the dog.

The man at the other table was much impressed. He began making wild offers, and when he reached \$200 the solemn man relented.

"Well," said he, "I can't refuse that. I hate to part with him, but you can have him."

"He'll be sorry for it," said the dog.

The purchaser drew a cheque for the amount, which he gave to the solemn man who about leaving when the dog cried out in his mind, "I'll break even, I'll never speak again." He never did.

The gentleman who bought the dog was proprietor of a pet shop. The solemn man was a tattered-pet crook. The showman is now hunting all over London, trying to run across that ventriloquist.

HORTICULTURAL HINTS.

Press the soil down after sowing small seeds.

To save labor in the garden plan to plant everything in long rows.

It is important in handling vegetables, never let the roots get dry.

Onion seed must be planted as early in the spring as the soil can be worked.

Onion seed must be of the previous season's growth; older seeds cannot be relied upon.

Small fruit is so plentiful as to usually make it impractical to send any but the best to market.

Dead shoots should always be cut out as they are more or less a draft on the vitality of a tree or plant.

When black knot has made a start close attention and courageous cutting and burning will save them.

One of the difficulties with using fresh manure is a mildew which the strawberries is that it acts as an insulator.

Windbreaks that will protect the orchard from northwest winds will often all but entirely in growing cond. crops of fruit.

Forest trees are of but little trouble after they start to grow, but along the road they return least profit from fruit trees.

Whenever there is not sufficient time to do everything at the right time in the garden, too much has been undertaken.

LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE ORDINARY PILLS.

Think of all the trouble and expense it causes you to swallow those large pills.

welcome some thing easier to swallow.

It is in its ways, it is the same time.

That is the case with Dr. Peacock's Patent Pill. The pill is the size of a pea.

the mildest in action, but the strongest in power.

Follow nature's way, they give bold front.

Attack to Bilious Headaches, and all derangements of the bowels.

are promptly relieved and permanently removed.

If we can't cure your Catarrh no matter how far you go or of how long standing it is, we will pay you for the trouble.

is promised by the proprietors. That is what the Catarrh remedy. Doesn't it prove beyond a doubt that this cure is good, that it is a remedy that cures Catarrh? Goods only 50 cents.

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