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The Young Folks.

THE LITTLE PIG DODGE BOY.

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In days of my sweet childhood,
No painted gilding,
Nor the most luscious plum cake
Ever tempted my taste,
A little Pig Dodge Boy,
Oh, the Little Pig Dodge Boy,
The Pig Dodge Boy,
He lived in a hole in the ground,
And no one can tell him as another can
To come from his house of the round pie,
Pie.

Mother'd work the dough scraps over,
And when mother thought it was done,
Then take a slice and put out,
His pants and stockings fast,
Then she'd take a slice of gravy coffee
And stick it in his stockings,
While he'd sit there and put up just
One slice of his natural size.

—Oh, the Pig Dodge Boy,
And when mother thought he'd done then,
She'd knock down like a play,
And the boy would run away,
And lay him down to eat,
Then we youngsters jumped and shouted,
Seemed like 'splashing joy,
When took his slice and give in each
—Satisfied.

A CLEVER RETORT.

That was a clever retort which a laborer once made to Lord Chancellor Camden of England. It appears that in consequence of the interest which the Lord Chancellor took on behalf of Wilkes, he became so popular that the parishioners of Chiswell-hurst, where he resided, made him a present of ten acres of common. His lordship, who was a very early riser, was the first to discover, in one of his morning walks, that a poor widow who resided on the common had been obliged to go to bed the previous night. It chanced to meet her husband, going to work, and thinking from being wrapped up in his great coat that he was unknown to the man, he inquired of him respecting the geese, and asked him if he knew what punishment would be inflicted on the offender who stole the geese from the common. The man answered, "None." "Well, then," said his lordship, "he will be transported for seven years."

"If that is the case," replied the laborer, "I will thank your lordship to tell me what punishment I would inflict on the man who stole the common from the geese." —*Harper's Young People.*

MENDING GRAIN BAGS.

Mending the holes in grain bags is a task that every farmer's wife dislikes, hence the holes gnawed by mice and rats are often stopped by a wad of old rags or paper, or the sacks are thrown away. But here is a plan that proves to be what every farmer needs. The articles needed for mending grain bags are: An old bag that may be cut up for pieces, a batter made of flour and cold water, a flat bottom and an ironing board to lay the bag on. Place the ironing board with the hole to be mended on the edge. Cut a piece of the ravaged edges with the shears or a sharp knife. Get out a patch having at least an inch margin larger than the hole. On this margin apply a coat of the flour paste, place the patch in position and press it thoroughly with the hot iron. The batter penetrates both patch and sack and firmly unites them. Pieces of denim, ducking or stout material may be used where bagging is not available. The process is so rapid that a hundred bags may be repaired. Carpets may be neatly mended in the same manner without removing them from the door.

NOVEL CURE FOR CONVULSIONS.

For some time about the middle of last century there seemed to be an epidemic of convulsive fits reigning amongst the inhabitants of Northwark, Orkney. What rendered the matter more distressing was that it occurred chiefly during divine service, when many were together, and the one seemed to affect the other. The church officer, a rough, unsympathetic fellow, was much annoyed by these outbreaks. He noticed that one woman in particular was generally the first to be seized. He kept his eye upon her every Sunday, and no sooner did she begin to tremble than he would be promptly whipped her up to his arms, carried her out of the church and pitched her into a ditch full of water. The woman never had an attack afterwards, and in a short time convulsions became a thing of the past in the district.

PROCESS OF PRODUCING ARTIFICIAL SILK.

The process of producing "artificial silk" invented by Dr. Lehner, was shown to a party of scientists, at Bradford, Eng., a few weeks ago. Waste cotton, wool, jute or other suitable material is reduced to an emulsion by means of a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids, when it is formed into threads by forcing it through glass tubes of small bore, and is passed over a series of rollers, which twist the fibers in a helical way to make the bobbins. Before the artificial silk is used in manufacture or is sold, it is dissolved and destroyed to restore its properties and is also rendered uninflammable, which will render it suitable for many purposes, especially as it is said to resemble real silk very closely. According to some writers the silk worm has had "nothing to do."

MEAL-TIME TOPICS.

A tendency to introduce at meal times topics of a melancholy or disagreeable nature cannot be too strongly discouraged. The subjects of table talk ought to be even more carefully chosen than those of parlour conversation. Yet in some households it is not unusual that discussions of recent crimes or scandals are opened at meal time. One relates bad dreams, another describes minutely the ill health which he suffers, and still another seems to find comfort in announcing the death and funeral of friends and relatives. Such topics are not due to the cheerfulness which is the best of scones, and are best treated at other hours than the ones devoted to breakfast, lunch or dinner.

A MEAN TRICK.

Patrik was one of those wily sons of the Colosseum who always managed to outwit many transatlantic travellers. One day, when the steamer was about leaving port, Patrik received the order to haul in a long cable that dragged astern. Patrik jumped to the task cheerfully enough, and hauled away contentedly. But the excessive length of the cable taxed his patience.

"I wonder what becomes of the end of that old cable, anyhow?" And finally, growing impatient, he growled out,

"Well, it's no use hauling at the base of a cable. Come and cut the end off it." —*Harper's Magazine.*

Miner's Liniment cures rheumatism.



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NOTES HERE AND THERE.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO FROZEN PEAS STANDARDS.

WHEN OTHERS FALL.

Hood's Barasparilla builds up the system by giving vigor and tone to the body and purifying the blood.

PIERCE UNTOSES A CURE ON MONEY RETURNED.

THE ACME OF PERFECTION.

NORWAY PINE SYRUP CURES COUGHS.

NORWAY PINE SYRUP HEALS THE LIMPS.

WHAT JACK HAS TO PAY.

DOCTORS SAY IT IS THE BEST.

GENTLEMEN.

LAST JULY I TOOK CONGEE

OF THE LUNGS AND WAS IN BED FOR FOUR WEEKS.

I WOULD NOT GET UP,

AND SOON FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP.

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