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As we harken and hear the story, The clouds and shadows all pass away, Of the Babe within the manger, Angel's sang o'er Judah's plain ; Of the Christ, the heav'nly Stranger, Who had come to earth to reign, Blessed Jesus, Thine forever

Be our homage and our love;

We would serve Thee here with glad

Till we worship Thee above.

Select Family Reading.

"You've got your new house most done haven't you, John ?" said Martha Mille ! her brother as they sat together in the

"Yes, Marthy, I guess we shall be in itwell, perhaps by Thanksgiving." Martha made no reply. Her head dron ed over her knitting. Presently she got up and poked the fire, keeping fast hold of the big fat out that lay purring in her lap, then resumed her work, which she did mechanically, not requiring much light save when she dronged a stitch,

"Say, Marthy, you never felt quite right about my building a new house, did you come to tell me about her. I have heard now? You might as well own it, because all about it." there's no need of misunderstandings at our time of life. You're sot on living here. as long as you live anywhere." "John, what made you build a new house snyway? Wasn's this one large snough

. What put that idea into your head, "I don't know anything about that, but the idea came near two months ago, and it has come to stay, seems, though, for I

mapried again, are you ? !

oan't get rid of it.' "Well, now," said John Mills, setting himself down more firmly into his chair, "I'll tell you jest how it is. "You'll allow have to go off to the prairies again. I don't that I've been a widower a good respectable length of time. Fourteen years ago Sully days, but I goess I've improved some." went away and left me. I'd eet a good deal of store by Sally, and she was one of the heat wives to me for tell years, But I ain't go very old, Marthy-only 52."

know it before you dil. She must be a cent of it." prond crittur if this house sin't good enough for her. I was looking at it this afternoon, as I came along up the road from Maria Saunders' and thinking how kind of picture que it was, with the setting | pleasauter p'ace." sun shining on the big chimneys and long alanting roof all covered with woodbine. And then the old trees in the orchard, all red with fruit, and the nice ample barn, how about marrying an old maid? I've and the cornfields behind. I tell you, it's been one a good many years now, you enough eight prettier than your place know." across the road, with the house so straight and etatoly. You haven't got a brick oven, puddings, not to mention the beans and hat, long ago." the turkeys and ducks and chickens." "Who's taking up the time now, Marthy 9"

"Well, it's Maria Saunders. You always

liked her, didn't you !" "For the land's sake! I don't know why I didn't think of her. She's been uncommon obliging to me lately, giving with, 'cause the whites whip up so crisp acquired by successive steps, and that some and frothy. Yes, I suppose I liked her well enough; it might have been worse." Her heart amote her the next moment. The last clause did not sound kind, and it had slipped out without a deliberate intention on her part. But her brother was a

sensitive person, of his mental consciousness without stirng a fibre. Martha Mills was four years older than her brother. She had lived with him since the dark winter day when the meek, quiet figure that had moved about the house, an angel of good will and good works had been laid saide in the village churchyard. The snows of God fell softly all that night, and next morning no one could have found her resting place. Murtha had fondly hoped that her prother would not marry again, but having by nature a philosophical spirit, she accepted the inevitable with serenity and a reverent optimism. It she had read her Browning, she would most likely had taken

for her chief motto: God's in his heaven. All's right with the word,

"Marthy," said John Mills one evening, 'I always wondered you never married Milo Scarle. I thought one spell you was ongaged to him sure." "To toll the truth, John, I was almost, but somehow you kind o' plaked on him

and made sport of him. So I began to think perhaps he wasn't worth having "You'd ought to have a mind of your own. Why, bless your heart, I never meant anything, only just to plague you a little. He was about the likliest fellow in lown. They say he's made quite a pile of money out west and is coming back to

spend his days here. You didn't know it did you, Marthy?" "Yes," said Martha, with a little tremor in her voice. "Maria Baunders told me

yesterday. He's going to marry Nancy "What, that weazened old maid? don't believe any such thing," "I guess it's so, answered Martha in esigned tone. "Nanoy told is herself."

The house was not finished at Thanksgiving time, but the first week in December found the brother and eister in their new abode and very nearly "settled," for Martha had worked night and day to get everything in order so that her hrother and Maria Saunders could be married on

pretty much her own way without any

trouble. The day before the wedding was mild and sunny. Martha had made up her mind to have one good visit all by herself in the old house. The sitting room had not been touched. It was the only room that looked like home. After dinner she went in, made a good fire in the old fireplace and seated herself with her knitting. How pleasant and cozy it seemed, and how she dreaded more and more to leave. don't see how my mind is ever going to il into those large high rooms so that it will work clear as it has done here. Lahall be all confused and floundered, I know I shall, and they'llsay I'm cranky about John's

getting married again." How quaintly the blue spiral flames our ed and danced in and out of the loge, make ing fantastio figures on the oak beams that formed the ceiling. "I'm afraid I shall never get used to stoves, but I'll try hard, she added, with emphasis, starting up as the door opened. A tall, rather stout man walked in.

"You did not hear my knock, I faucy, Miss Mills." "No, I heard no knock. My room and were visiting together and I was busy thinking." "Yes, I know; you are not to live here

any more, I nuderstand-but don't you know me, Martha 9" A'You are Milo Searle. I heard you triffes were coming back to stay." "Well, I should like to if I can arrange

things to suit me." "Don't you like the west y" "In some respects I do, but somehow the old town has an attraction for me that I caunot find anywhere else. And not only the town, Martha, but one that the town

"Yes, I suppose so," replied the other quietly, "but I don't see why you should "You've heard all about what, Martha! I havon's to'd anyone my intentions."

"Porhaps sho has then," Mr. Searleis pleasant blue eyes opened to their fullest extent, and he rose from his chair and for us two? You ain't thinking of getting stood before Miss Mills. "Will you kindly tell me who she is?" he saked looking down into her face.

> "Aren't you engaged to marry Nancy Neal ? She says you are." "What! That wizened old maid?" and he laughed till the room rang. "Why, my doar woman, I've never cared for a living soul all those years excepting you, and if you would marry me I shall suppose I was quite your equal in the old

"I guess you have, too, Milo. You're a good deal shead of me now." "Well, I've been prosperous and made money enough to retire on, and, what's the "Well, go on, John, for mercy's sake. best of the whole, Martha, I've got it all You needn't stop to tell me your age; I honostly, It's goot, olean money, every

> "There's no need to tell mo that, Milo. I know what you are." "We can live here if your brother will soll me the farm. I shouldn't want a "I don't believe there will be much trouble about that, for we couldn's seem to decide what to do with the house. But

gan age the same pink and-white skin, the either. Just think of this oven, of the brown wavy hair, and the bright, dark eyes bread it has baked and the rye and injun that used to shine out from the little straw

The fire dled down, but they did not care, for they had gone back into the warm land of youth and springtime, and the room was won't say any full of relubows and apple blossor

Boston Post.

FACTS ABOUT THE EARTH. No one can watch the advance of solence in any direction without being impressed me some of her best eggs to make custards by the fact that real knowledge is only of the stops appear at first to be backward ones. But even correction or error implies an advance of knowledge; and so after all

there is no going backward. When men first began to believe that the earth was shaped like a ball they evidently thought of it as a true sphere. More exact He had, moreover, expected something knowledge showed that it was not a sphere of direct opposition to his plans, and this but its real shape was still misapprehended. extremely mild protest slid off the surface Many scientific men in the eighteenth century believed that the Globe was drawn out in the direction of the poler, instead of being flattened at the pole and swollen at the equator. Afterward the fact was established that the earth is thicker through

the equator than from pole to pole. Then it was supposed to be a regular oblate sphereoid, that is to say, a sphere somewhat flattened at the poles. But further investigations showed that great irregularities existed, by virtue of which the equator was not a circle but a more or less irregular, elleptical curve. Of course these irregularities are small in proportion to the size of the errth, and yet they are large enough to make a difference of several miles in the diameter of the globe, taken

in different longtitudes. In a similar way our knowledge of the Internal structure of the earth has advancand is still advancing, by successive steps, the results of which do not always seem consistent at first sight. M. Defforges has recently described in France a series of pendulum experiments, which show that some singular differences of density exist in

the interior of the earth. These experiments demonstrate that the force of gravity is greater over the ocean and less over the land than theoretical considerations demand, and M. Defforges anggests as a reason for this difference, that where the crust of the ourth has shrunk as it seems to have done in forming the ocean beds, its dentity has, as a consequence, been increased, and there the attraction of gravitation manifests the

greatest power on the su face. With so many ourlou. facts about the shape of the earth, the heat and density of its interior parte, its mu; notism and the auspected irregularity of its rotation on its axix, daily coming to light, it is evident we have yet a great deal to learn about rocky ball on which we are riding through

Hard to Dufine.

"How I dislike the ward 'economy," "On what grounds ?" She liked Martha and knew she could hate | us if we do."

WHAT I THINK OF GIRLS.

Girls are sweet little morfale, done up in ruffles and laces and flounces and ribbons. They are curious creatures—hop and equeal if they see a mouse; scream and run if a pig opens its mouth and grunts anywhere near them. They will not go outside the door after dark unless somebudy goes with

Some of them are just lovely and some of them are, excuse me girls, simply herrid. They are a great blessing at a pic-nic, but a greater nuisance on a fishing excursion; while there is nothing equal to a lot of nice girle for making a success of parties, taffypulls, oyster suppers, and all such things. And they are judispensable for getting up entertainmente.

But they are schemers. If they are particularly careful to save their mother as many steps as possible some day, and are good to baby, and have a cheerful word for everybody, especially mother, you may be sure when dinner time comes, and mother is smiling and happy, they will ask ever so sweetly, if mother could spare them Wednesday afternoon. There is to be a plo-nic to the lake, and all the other girls are going. They have such a charming way of coaxing that mother contents. And then, alas! they too often forget that the dishes are to wash after dinner. in their eager talk about what they shall wear, how to arrange their hair, and a dozen other

Some girls of fourteen or thereaboute, are s fond as their younger brother of getting behind the organ when their elder sister expects her beau. They torment the life out of their big brother to know where he

When they leave the schoolroom they think it is time to don long dresses and do up their bair. And lot behold a young

lady full fledged, a girl no longer.

ROY BEATTIE. Markdale, Ont.

WHAT I THINK OF BOYS. I may not be a very wise judge, but it my opinion the average boy our stand

Boys are "critters" who love to make a great deal of noise. What they full to make with their voices, they supplement with whistles, drums or anything eles which will make a loud din. Whenever there is a fire, a runaway horse, or any other excitement there boys are conspicur ous, and in untimited numbers. They also like to parade the streets when they sl:onld' be in bed-seeing drunken men and listening to profane language.

Boys are naturally inclined to be disorderly. They will throw their hats in one corner, their books in another and carpet the floor with their couts, and then when more, they would soon be less of a naisance

and cakes from moulding. They only est | surprising that they should like to be treatone meal a day, but that begins at 6 in the | ed as such. If the cook is a married morning and lasts until nine at night. They are also very inquisitive, and find | nized? out all they can about people, places and points of all the horses within a circle of | sent to her mistress. the history of anybody, or any points of | would like to see you?" interest connected, with the place, all he

needs to do is to interrogate the small boy, and he will find him a walking encyclopodia. He is perfectly guileless, too, and will sally forth to regale the neighborhood with the last spat between ma and pa, or all the particulars about sister's bean; entertaining that same gentleman, whenever be gots the chance, with all the interesting items connected with the rest of the family which they especially wish him not

It is fun to see boys trying to assume mauly airs. Indeed, some of them have a meer idea of manliness, when they think that cigar smoking, wearing their hats on one side, chewing and spitting and swaggering along makes them maply.

many and grievous-still they come handy when the woodbox or water-pail is empty, or we want the borse harnessed, or the cows unted up of a wet day. Strange as it may seem, I have seen s ew really nice boys. A really nice boy in one who is respectful to his parents, kind to his sisters, and who does not tease children smaller than himself or needlessly hurt dumb animals, and who would soom

MILLY CLINT. Almonte, Ont. First prize comp sitions in the Montreal

WALKING FOUR MILES AN HOUR. "There's no end of people," said a man who walks a good deal himself, "who think they could walk four miles an hour; and very likely they could, but they would have to move along very briskly to do it. As a matter of fact, very few people indeed do very fair gait, and when one exceeds that he is beginning to walk fast. If my recollection serves the old 'common' time in the army carried a man two and five-eights miles an hour, and 'quick' time two and seven eighth miles an hour. The distances which the soldler covers in an bour have now been increased somewhat by slightly increasing the length of his steps, but -my impression is that the 'common' time remains under three miles an hour. Certalp-

THE CROSSBOW.

ly three miles would be good, fair walking

and fully up to men's average speed."-

Boston Journal.

At Hastings the English bowmen first killed the Norman horses. The crossbon was a fairly dangerous weapon, for it had a certain weight, and it is corloss to learn that it had been forbidden in war, at one time, but it was expetioned by the Pope in the crusade of 1189. The trouble about the crossbow was its weight-fully fotty pounds-and the strings were liable to become useless when it rained. In the time of Richard I. among the equipments of a soldier, after his iron headpiece, his coil, his coat of mail had been indicted, we read Prices always as low as consistent with the Christmas day at noon. She was you live of the standard of the constraint of a needle, called a ponepoint."

THE S. P. C. B's.

ANNIE HAMILTON DONNELL. "What's dis mean? What dem chillum up to now, you s'pose, o'd Uno' Aberm?" Unc' Abram had a funny way of asking ilmself que tions. He was trying to pick his way op "Mis: Beo:a's" front doorsteps. There were nine children on these steps! "What you t'mk 'tis, now, old Uno' Aberm-cirous, mebbe, or camp meetin'?" Then Roy got up importantly and ex-

plainel. "It's the S. P. C. B's, Unc' Abram, I'm he mod'rater." he said. "He's de mod'rater, hey dat chile is?"

musel Unc' Abram. "Well, now, am't be do liveliest one !-call him mod'rate, he! The nine members of the S. P. C. B.

laughed too, and then unanimously they esus hears His children ever when they made Uno' Abram a life member. "But first you must swear you won't wer kill a little bird, Uno" Abram," said Roy, solemnly, counting on his fingers. "Hob, me kill a little bird, hey? You

go away [" "But you must swear so, Unc' Abram, urged Roy. "Uno' Aberm, you sw'ar to? Isw'ar so s'welp me Aberm Linkum!"

"And that you won't over rob a bird's nest," the "mod'rater" went on, ticking off another finger. "G'way ! . What dat chile talkin' 'bout ?" "Swear it, Uno' Abram.". "I sw'ar."

"Nor ever wear dead birds or parts of 'em on your hat"-three fingers. Suddenly Roy stopped in confusion. All the girl S. P. C. B's were giggling softly. is going with the ponies and carriage on But old Uno' Abram fingered his shabby folt bat and said solemnly : "I aw'ar, s'welp me Aberm Linkum-

> now what dat mod'rate chile gwine to say. "That's all," exclaimed Roy, hastily, to be called in the Norman-French of the "Now you're a member of the S'clety for | day the "maister" of this place or that, or the Pervention of Ornelty to Birds, an' of these workmen or those. you're all 'journed, the whole of you." "The little meeting adjourned hurriedly soon becme, got tacked on before his name and old Uno' Abram, on the top doorstep, and he became Maister Smith, and his watched the small members disperse. His | wife Majetress Smith. Gradually the

Aberm ?" he said: "Well, you kin. Dat's smong men. the best s'cinty, dat A. B. C. so'clety is, 't you ever j'ined sence you j'ined the 'manevpation s'ciety an' got free. Hub, ain'tit time de pore little birds had freedom, too, bey? I wish all de chilluns atop o' de Lord's yearth would j'ine that A. B. C. s'cioty, an' dat's a fac' old Uuc' Aberm!" HER NAME.

The New York Sun has been saying a good word for a class of people who are commonly treated as if they had no names, in the ordinary sans; of the word. As one they need them again they will shout where | housekeeper expressed herself, "I always is this or where is that until finally their | call my cook Berke, my maid Mary, and | tion before you can see it at all, and the sisters have to come to their assistance. I my man John. We're constantly change eye, so far as expression is concerned, govthink if their mas would ouff their sars ing, and I can't be bothered with learning erns the face. The consequence is that and teach them to wait on themselves | and trying to remember their real names." "lady" that her indolence in learning her Boys are very fond of eating. To see servants' names had perhaps something to expressions by which your friends know them at pie nice one would think they had | do with their short turns of service. Serno other object in life, than to keep ples vants being human beings, it is not very

woman why should not the fact be recog-"Mrs. White, Mrs. Brown would like to "Never to me, my dear ; never to me. I things. They can tell the good or bad see you?" was the message that the cook ten miles from where they live. Should | The mistress remonstated. "Mary, why a stranger visit the town and want to know do you not say "Mrs. White, the cook "Oh, ma'am, Mrs. Brown wouldn't like

"Bat I wish it." Shortly afterward the girl returned "Mrs. Brown says ma'am that she wasn't baptise 1 'Cook.' The cook was indispensible and accord ingly remains Mrs. Brown. And why not

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and most considerate little fellows in the | that he would never touch liquor, but in world. He was attending the kindergarten, and his mother naturally inferred that the change was somehow due to his teacher's

But although boys have their faults-"Miss Smith teaches you to be polite?" she remarked, in a tone of interrogation. "No." said the boy, "she never says o word about it."

The mother was pozzled, and all the

more when further questioning brought

only more emphatic denials that the teacher had over given her pupils lessons in good "Well, then," the mother asked, finally to smoke, or chew tobacco, or swear, or tell if Miss Smith doesn't say anything, what does she do ?" "She doesn't do anything," persisted the

> polite. We just feel as polite as-any That was all he could tell about it, and his mother began to see through the mystery.-Educational News.

boy. "She just walks around, and we feel

NATURE'S GOOD AND EVIL. One of the most deadly poisons and common article of food are combined in a walk four miles an hour; three miles is a | single plant. This is tapioca, a South American shrub that grows to a height of six or eight feet. The root, as well as the wood, of the plant secretes an acrid; milky igloe so toxio that it kills in a very fow minutes. This quality is eliminated by heat, and that which in a raw state is so deadly is thereby converted into a nourishing and agreeable aliment. The root is grated into pulp and subjected to great pressure, which extracts all the poisonous polce. It is then heated on metal plates, which transforms it into the tapicca of commerce. It is to be hoped that this in formation may not disturb the equanimity of consumers of tapioca. The process em ployed in its conversion from a poisonous plant into a substance entirely innocuous is-

> A Pertinent Query. "I don't believe in unything I can't see." sald the young man who aims to be consid-

absolutely infallible.

The middle-aged man with overalls or looked at him penelvely for a moment, and then inquired ! "Young feller, did you ever ketch hold of lectric wire?"-Washington Star.

JESUS COMES TO HEARTS TO-DAY. Jesus comes to earth this blessed Christmas day. Comes to earth in lowly guise;

Jesus comes to earth to wash our sins away. And to fit us for the skies.

Ic comes, He comes to earth, in our hearts to abide We with love and joy would greet

Him to-day ;

He is come to our hearts. Welcome Him this blest Christmas-

Jesus comes to earth this blessed Christ mas day Comes with love to save the lost;

And He aids the tempest-tossed.

Jesus, blessed Savior, unto Thee' we Thine the glory, Thine alone : esus, blessed Savior, our Mesiah, King,

Claim and keep us, Lord, Thine own.

THE ORIGIN OF MR. AND MRS. In earlier times the ordinary man was simply William or John-that is to say he had only a Christian name. Some means of distinguishing one John or William from other Johus and Williams became necesary. Nicknames derived from a man's trade, or his dwelling place, or from some personal peculiarity, were tacked onto his Christian name and plain John became

As yet there were no "misters" in the land. Some John Smith accumulated more wealth than the bulk of his fellowsbecame perhaps a land owner or an employer of hand labor. Then he began

In time the "maistre" or "maister" as it old black face was full of gentle approval. | sense of possession was lost sight of, and "You proud o' yours', hey, old Uno' the title was conferred indiscriminately

MIRRORS ARE NOT TRUTHFUL In spite of the widespread use of mirrors t is an astonishing fact that none of us have ever seen ourselves as others see us. In the first place, the reflection in the mirror does not portray our likeness with any attempt at accuracy. The hair is wrong in tone, the eyes are not correct in color, and our complexions are hopelessly libelled by this specious household deceiver. Secondly, you cannot assume your natural expression while paering in the looking glass. The eye must be in a certain postyou can see only one of your expressions in It might have been surgested to this the glass, and that expression is one of attentive examination. All the other you, favorable or unfavorable, you have

never seen and probably never will see.

An Irish gentleman was recently attended by an eminent London physician, who pausing an I looking at him with an inquiring glance said :

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"I should like to know, eir, if your family have been long-lived?" "Long-lived, is it?" responded the patient thoughtfully. "Well, doctor, I'll tell you how it is. Our family is a West of Ireland family, and the age of my ancestors depended entirely on the judge

A SENSIBLE CIRL. The Tilsonburg Liberal says that Miss Jessie Carruthers, of North Watsingham, was to have been married to Morley Thomas. Everything had been arranged. The A mother noticed a remarkable change parson and the guests were there when in the deportment of her six-year-old son. Miss Carrothers told them there would be From being rough, noisy, and discourteons, no wedding. It seems that the young man he had suddenly become one of the gentlest | in question had promised his betrothed

the morning he went to Langdon, and

returned about eleven o'clock the worse of.

liquor. Miss Carruthers told him that as

he had broken his pledge she could place

no further confidence in him and told him

he could burn the license; which he did.

After this the preacher, the herole young

lady, and the gueste who had come from

Bayham, Delhi and other places, sat down with Mr. House and family to a sumptuons repast .- Hamilton Templar.

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"Now Willie." waid the teacher, as school opened, "you may recite your geography lesson. Where is Alghanistau!" "Willie hesitated a moment. "Don's you know ?" asked the teacher. "Yes I've got it in my head somewhere, but I can't lay my brain on it just this minute," Willie replied.

William Henry Ott, allas "Mustang, Bill," says that he used Ayer's Hair Vigor for nearly five years, and owes to it his splendid hair, of which he is justly proud.