

Hair Splits

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for thirty years. It is elegant for a hair-splitting. It saves the hair from splitting at the ends." J. A. Gruenfelder, Grandfork, Ill.

Hair-splitting splits friendships. If the hair-splitting is done on your own head, it loses friends for you, for every hair of your head is a friend.

Ayer's Hair Vigor in advance will prevent the splitting. If the splitting has begun, it will stop it.

Else a bottle. All druggists.

If your daughter cannot supply you, send us her name and we will supply you a bottle. We care and give the name of your next neighbor.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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The Young Folks.

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

What do the robins whisper about?

They whisper in their little nest;

It's still in my mind to many a doubt,

In spite of sleeplessness.

While over the world a silence reigns,

In the bright eastward sky the stars

As if they were talking in their sleep.

At three o'clock in the morning,

Perhaps the little ones stir and complain.

Then it's time for bed, and the rooster,

And the mother bird sings a dreamy strain

To send them back to their dream again.

Though distant cocks are crowing,

Or do they tell secrets that should not be heard?

By mortals listening and trying?

Perhaps they might learn from some whispering

voiced.

The last way to bring up a bird

Or the wonderful art of dying.

It may be they speak of an anxious day

With the sun in the west, the moon, the stars,

Over the hill they take their way.

In search of the vanished summer,

It may be they group from nest to nest,

Home to home, and far and wide,

As if they were talking in their sleep.

At three o'clock in the morning,

That's "little bird has told me."

Perhaps; but the question is wrapped in doubt.

They give no hint of naming,

And tell us not in sorrow,

What do the robins talk about?

At three o'clock in the morning?

—R. G. Paffey.

LITERARY NOTES.

The July number of the *Methuen Magazine and Review*, beginning its fifty-fourth volume, is both patriotic and place—a very good combination. Of the former category are as illustrated paper by the Editor on the life and work of Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, and how he won the Russo-Grand Duke's \$5,000 double prize to competition with the world. The first of the articles on King Ali of the Great Powers, Professor Goldwin Smith, a noble tribute to British India and King. There are also a character sketch by the Editor, with fine portraits of Sir John Horrocks, who will furnish three well-illustrated papers on "Builders of Nova Scotia"; for this volume; and an admirably illustrated article, by James L. Hughes, on Toronto the beautiful. Other papers discuss the important problem of aggressive Christians work in our cities. Now is a good time to subscribe. Only \$1.00 for six months. Toronto: William Briggs; Montreal: C. W. Coates; Halifax: U. V. Haslett. \$2.00 a year.

Woodstock's inauguration as a city was specially marked by the issue of a highly interesting and most attractive special edition of the *Scotsman-Review*, a wove paper book of 50 pages. The cover scheme is in red, brown and bottle green on white, and the design is striking and appropriate. The contents are a perfect wealth of interesting sketches, covering every phase in the life and activity of the prosperous community which has just entered the list of Canadian cities. The reading public is embellished with numerous illustrations, engravings, and every page has its exclusive design and make-up. The numerous leading merchants of the town contend for full share of prominence, and for a comprehensive and handsome review of Woodstock the number could not easily be equalled. The *Scotsman-Review* is being congratulated on all sides for its splendid inauguration number.

A VERY GOOD REASON.

"Now, sir," said the cross-examining counsel, "be careful! Do you swear that this is not your handwriting?"

"I'm quite sure it isn't!" was the reply.

"Does it resemble your writing?"

"I can't say it does."

"Can you take your oath that this writing does not resemble yours?"

"Yes, sir."

"Now, sir, will you kindly let me see a specimen of your handwriting?"

"No, sir, I won't!"

"Oh, you won't, sir? And why won't you?"

"Because I can't write."

TO THOSE ABOUT TO MARRY.

Young men or old men who intend to marry will be pleased to learn that the new Marriage Act is made quite simple by applying to H. E. Moore, Clerk of marriage license, at the Provincial Office. Call a few days before the ceremony and have the master registered. Private office. All business strictly private and confidential. At reasonable rates.

Troubles like battles; it grows bigger by being nursed.

A BACKWARD CHILD.

In a child that is backward in teething, look out for rickets. You can prevent any serious consequences by promptness.

The cause is poor nutrition, imperfect digestion of food, wrong food, poor food, bad air, low life.

You must stop it—Give

Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil to feed the bones. Now give him good food; the proper food for a child.

It is a short job, and not a difficult one.

We'll send you 5 bottles to try you like.

SCOTT & BOWKIE, Chemists, Toronto.

IMPLICIT OBEDIENCE.

Among other good stories Cyrus Town and Brady tell the following in their "Under Town and Tents," published by Scribner:

It is told that a large number of children were negligent in following the advice of the chaplain, which was after the ritual of the Episcopal Church. An incandescent officer in charge ordered a drum-major to make the church pass his little address on the subject, and it is supposed that some of the boys did not understand, but if they did observe him carefully and do as he did (in military parlance, follow the motions of the commanding officer) they would not go wrong.

Word was quickly passed through the battalions. They marched into the church. The officer in charge took his place in the front row, settled himself in his seat, and calmly blew his nose. Third hundred now were simultaneously sent to wash with a valence that was stilling. The officer looked around and blushed violently in great surprise. Three hundred heads followed the motion of the commanding officer. His blushing cheeks violently advanced to blush a hard thing for a midshipman to do—and so on through the ranks.

The midshipmen did not without instant imitation. He finally confused himself strictly to the prescribed ritual of the service, looking neither to the right nor to the left, not daring to raise a finger or breathe out of the ordinary course. This enterprise was also a very startling success.

The cadets received other instructions later in the day from a furless officer who sternly recited various innocent statements that he did not know which were true and which was not, and that he had not instructed them that blowing his nose stood no a different plane from saying his prayers. It was a huge joke everywhere.

THE REPORTER KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

Interviewer—Alderman Swellend, I have come to get your views on the proposed change in the curriculum of the grammar school.

Alderman Swellend—confounded! What is that? I beg off, whatever it is.

Alderman Swellend, reporting the report of the interviewer next morning. "Our distinguished Congressman, Mr. M. T. Swellend was found in his charming home, surrounded by abundant indication of ripe scholarship and sturdy common sense. In reply to our reporter's question he said: 'I don't desire to force my opinions upon the public, but this I will say, that I have given to this question long and stolid consideration, incidentally examining the curricula of institutions of learning, both at home and abroad, and, although I find in the existing courses of study not a few matters for condemnation, still, upon the whole, I can say that I should advise any radical change until I have further time to examine into the subject.'

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With children to lose half the day is the last way to make the other half profit.

Excellent Reasons exist why Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil should be used by persons suffering from affection of the throat or lungs, soreness upon the skin, rheumatic pains, corns, bunions, or external injuries. The reasons are that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

There are many things, like philosophy itself, which can neither be taught nor learned.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The following is a facsimile of the signature of Dr. F. H. Fletcher.

ITS EFFECTS ARE MARVELLOUS.

IT ACTS LIKE A CHARM.

BELIEF ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS.

Pleasant, Rapid, Reliable, Effectual.

Every House should have it.

Ask your Druggist for it.

Take no other.

PRICE, 35c.

The mind of a child is a living, pulsating spirit beneath our foolish pedanticities that crop our nature's own simple inscriptions.

Regular action of the bowels is necessary to health. Last Liver Pills are the best occasional cathartics for family or general use. Price 25c. Any druggist.

CAN HE DO THESE THINGS?

Your eighteen-year-old boy may have a good deal of Latin and Greek, may have an exchange, but unless he can do the things mentioned below he is not even ordinarily well equipped as a business man or as a man of the world; and can he do them?

Write a good, legible hand.

Write a good, sensible letter.

Speak and write good English.

Draw an ordinary bank check.

Take it to the proper place in the bank and get it cashed.

Add a column of figures rapidly and accurately.

Make out an ordinary account.

Write an ordinary promissory note.

Measure a pile of lumber in your shed.

Spell all the words he knows how to use.

Write an advertisement for the local paper.

Make out and correct entries in day-book and ledger.

Tell the number of bushels of wheat you largest bin and their value at current rates.

Tell something about the great authors and statesmen of the present day.

THE LAST SPEAKER OF CORNISH.

In the little village of St. Paul, near Penzance, there is a monument erected to the memory of Dolly, Dolly Pentreath, who attained the age of a hundred and two, and was the last woman who spoke the Cornish tongue. This is the inscription: "Here lieth interred Dorothy Pentreath, who died in 1777, said to have been the last person who conversed in the ancient Cornish, the peculiar language of this country from the earliest times till it expired in the eighteenth century in this parish of St. Paul." This stone is erected by the late Louis Léonard Bonaparte in memory of his mother, John Garnett, in June, 1900. "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord hath given thee." —Exod. xx: 12.

It is useless to grasp an opportunity if you don't do anything but stand around and hold on to it.

The proprietors talk to a child as if he were a man, to a man as if he were a child.

Hayward Yellow Oil is a useful remedy for sprains, cuts, bruises, callous, lumps, swellings, inflammation, rheumatism and neuralgia.

It is a great pleasure to play the man with us than we have in playing the child with him.

There's some folks that thinks of they don't do a thing nobody else kin neither.

Picking the nose is a common symptom of worms in children. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup. It is simple, safe and medicinal. Price 25 cents.

The child has greater pleasure in playing the man with us than we have in playing the child with him.

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FAINTING, DIZZINESS, LOSS OF

MEMORY, MELANCHOLIA, LIKESLESSNESS, AFTER-EFFECTS OF LU-

GRIPE, PALPITATION OF THE HEART,

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They will build you up, make rich red blood, and give you vim and energy.

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