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prompt attention. it is very cool and pleasant here in THE WAY TO

Muskoka This Summer is be out of doors again." by the Lake Shore

which we may be glad, no matter what happens to us, I believe," said the country in six, provinces for forget to worry. Doyou like stories?" felends were so delighted that they the holiday maker and busi- thing," was the eager response.

ness man, opened up by the "Well, then, I believe I'll have time The next day, after he recovered Six Railways of the Canadian | to tell you a short one." merry song, although his back was Why don't you try it ?-Delineator. his loggat nearest the mark wine.

bent with a very heavy burden. Through all the dusty highways and steep pacents he never cossed to hum his happy tune; and at last, when he reached the pleasant country where

Of a little shop I know, With laye and girle drossed as the A hundred years ago. And since I saw it, I have thought, And keep on thinking how The children, maybe, will be drouged A bulndred yours from now.

Poetry.

there's a picture in the window

Will girls wear caps or farthingales, Or hoops in grand array ? Will they wear hows like butterflids, Jast as they do to-day? Will hoys wear jackets short, or tie . Their hair in quones? Just how

They'll really look, I'd like to know

A hundred years from now. What do you think the girls and boys Will out in those far days? Will they le fed on breakfast food ." In many sorts of ways? Will all the good and tasty things Be worse for them than rice? Will lee cream sods make them sidt

Will children's books have pictures

Or just all readin be? 'orbaps they'll be hand-painted and Most beautiful to see. int when I think of them I have I truly don't see how They can be any prettler A hundred years from now.

And everything that's nice P

-Harah Noble-Ives, In July 8t

Relect Family Heading CO TO TO TO TO TO THE CROWNING QUALITY BY MEDICUS RANSOM.

COMPANIE OF CE YN the heart of the gulet town stood the old courthouse, about which

trees shaded the rustle benches and him and told him the beautiful story. well-worn pathways. . Separating the and he anticipated with much happi grassy lawn from the surrounding | ness meeting her again in a few days. "mubile . vquare" was a rickety fron However, these expectations were no fonce, to whose pickets farmers' horses | to be realized ; for at the oculist's ad were hitched here and there. The vice the Hindfolded boy and his parsive warmth upon the dusty streets, city, where a noted specialist was to and close in the cooler shadows of the treat the patient's eyes. trees stood an old-fashioned baronche. An aged negro driver nodded over the | ed by a voyage; and when the lad re lines; and a woman whose fair young | turned home, almost a year later. hi face were an expression of restlessness | sight was completely restored. occupied the back sent.

that she might bring to a speedy close | kindness and tenderness, had cheered the tedious morning session. Present | him and taught him not to worry ly her attention was attracted to an-City Conveniences securely, and the lines hung unattend- haps be would see the lady. If felt BROUGHT TO YOUR HOME occupant wall's little boy. His eyes voice. his hands were seronely folded. He, drove into town with his father; and too, was waiting for some one; but as he sat waiting for him in the shade there was no sign of impatience in the of the tall oak trees he saw an old expression about his tender mouth, barouche near by. On the back sea COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM the woman's heart and caused tears to used to pass in the road. She was often to notice the child's merry, laugh- so glad that you are well again!" ing oyes in passing; and it seemed | The lad was out of the carriage an

now, perhaps forever. She longed to he recognized the cheery voice. get out of her carriage and go put her didn't know you were the same one, brave little fellow, and determined to you sing." pass the time while waiting for his father in cheerful thought rather than stupid worry. It was very pleasant to gleeful occupants. he out of doors again, even if he couldn't see the bright sunshine and was fine to feel the fresh, open sir, very glad that the physician had rec- hands with fervent joy. ounnanded the drives to town. Of sight of the fields and brooks and fullady to the little boy at her side. pretty places along the way. And O he was serriest of all not to see the beautiful lady when she passed-the fair, lovely lady to whom his parents never spoke because his father had quarreled with her husband-but then

porhaps he would see her again some day, and might even come to know The possibility of parminent blind nose had, of course, never been suggested to the child, and he always thought hopefully of blurecovery. Now he began to plan some of the pleasant things he would do when his over were well again, but his reverle was interrupted by the most delightful voice he had over heard. "You don't seem a bit tired," some one was saying, "but I get so testless when I have to walt

carriage with you awhile ?" "You, indeed. I shall be very glad," "Although the morning is so warm

the shade. You seem quite comfor-"Yes, ma'am," the boy replied, for he know that it was a lady whose beautiful voice addressed bim: "and l

"There is always something for

that I was wondering what it is that you like heat of all things." "I boll vo 'b's music." was th thoughtful reply. "I don't hear much of it, though's for my mother canno play or slow." "Would you life for me to hum yo " little song? I know only a few simple little airs," unid the lady. "If you will be so kind," the boy re plied ongerly.

his journey ended, he opened life bur

den and found that he had been carry.

ing heaps of precious stones with

"You sald you liked stories next blo

to anything," the lady laughed, "an

you reemed to enjoy that mig so muc

Softly and clearly the melody arose, not loud enough for any one save the little boy to hear; but he drank every one of the sweet, mellow note with unencakable pleasure. Almos unconsciously his small hand slipped into the einger's; and when the tender music molted away upon the air. ble upturned face, though blinded, expressed far better than words how much

gladness he really derived from the

"My lust and is coming now, and must go home. Perhaps we will mee here many times," said the lady as she buly the child good-bye.

Shortly after the old-fashione harouche had been driven away th lany's father hastoned toward his carrlage. 'He felt uneasy lost his child be wentled with waiting, but was agree ably surprised to find him in so happy a humor. All the way home the la stately oaks and blossoming locust | talked of the lady who had sung to morning sunshine beamed with oppres- | ents left the next day for a distant

· The prolonged treatment was follow-

During all ble days of darkness the Now and then she looked impatiently child had never once forgotten the toward the courthouse, as if she wished | lady whose beautiful voce, so full o Now that he was able to behold the other vehicle near her own. The gray | sky and the wonderful earth again, the horse which drow it was hitched happlest thoughts came to him. Pered about the spatter board. The only sure that he could never mistake her were bandaged with a heavy cloth, and A few day after he reached home he

The pathetic picture went straight to was the beautiful creature whom he glisten in her dark eyes. She had smilling and howing; but surely she heard of the accident at the Breworks | did not mean it for him, for had not party, which the occulists feared would his father quarreled with her husband? result in total blindness. She used But just then she called out : "O. I'm very and that their light had faded by the lady's alde in a twinkling, for

arms about the little boy. Hat-could | he cried as he throw both arms about the lady's neck; "but O, I'm so happy The blindfolded child was a very for now I can see you as well as hear Bosido the barouche stood two gentlemen staring surprisedly at its "Papa," or lod the child delightedly

"this is the lady-the beautiful lady the green trees and the deep grass. It who sang to me and told me the tale. For a moment the two men stood and to scent the growing things after looking earnestly one at the other. his long confinement. He was indeed Then, without a word, they chaped

"The hurden contained heaps course he couldn't help but miss the precious jewels," whispered the beauti PROMOTING HOME PATRONAGE

merchants of Shenandoal lows, recently offered a handsome prize to the person writing the best Pock. short essay on the subject. "How to Promote Home Patronage." The following extract from the prize winning cassy contains some very sound advice to marchants:

of having no thoughts of our own is to Be bonest, earnest and accommodat ing. The most powerful factor ! business is the personal element, and right there is where the home mer chant has the advantage of the mai order man. The farmer knows ble home merchant, knows him to be honest, obliging and straightforward. he can get anywhere near as good for long. Won't you let me sit in your prices at home he will not send away. Lut the farmer know that you have his interest at heart and would not knowingly sell him anything of poor quality and show him the difference in the grades. Make it an open des all the way through, straight and allove board. The farmer does not object to a fair profit, but the mail order men have constantly impressed on his mind that the home merchant is don't mind waiting, for I'm so glad to a robber, till sometimes the farmer almost believes it.

IT PAID.

A little lay of five years, playing Canadian North- lady. . "We can think about glad with his slater one day, leaned too far ern Ontario Rail- things, and so shint out worry from out of the second story window, toet Write for booklets our minds ; and if we keep this up for bis balance, and fell into the yard bethe stong time, we find some day that it is low. Very miraculously, he escaped the country would be better off .-Maganetawan, and the best so natural for us to be happy that we being injured, and his parents and | Selected.

THE COUNTRY CHOIR.

"Your choir is a very good one for a place like this," remarked the city visitor, as she walked down the sisle in front of mo. I listened for the answer, as Mrs. Brown is wont to express herself in frank, unembellished English.

which he might purchase all the splen-"They do their best," she replied, did fand which now strotched before "but let me tell you, the country choir is the most unappreciated, the "Thank you; that was a very fine most uppaid and the most solf-sacrificstory," said the child when the tale was ing of all the adjuncts of the phurch. They sing your after year, and who yet was over known to speak a gold word for them? If they sing ever so burning cedar poles soon set on fire let them make a false-note or drop' house, opposite wilch the train had

> The city visitor milled at her down to the tank where it was doing hostets's vehement words, but I pon- od with water. The poles, were reindered them in my heart and decided that I had always unconsciously believed them. I knew the singers went wook after week to reherants was entered through the window, to without regard to the weather or 'the the alley between it and Kelly's store. would they be did they not cheerfully forego the Sunday morning map, for a tardy choir would be a disgrace to any church. All this with never a thought

could not recall a word of praise from any one. It was not difficult to remomber, however, when a slight mistake had occurred, how a smile of

ripples on a pond of water. .

met me going to her class. marked, heartily. She stopped and and the agent, under instruction from gave me a surprised, tentative look, the railway authorities handed him Scott were reaming about their estate, which changed presently to a joyous an envelope with \$10 and the informa- they saw some playful lambs in a "Why! how nice of you to say would be pleased to give him a good

me they enjoyed it." Then I did feel ashamed and re-

."But they do," I assured her, "only sunshine, the birds and the flowers." "We do It for the Master," she said,

the last atom of my self respect. But | Bower Avenue, each of whom possess-I determined to experiment farther and went out of my way to meet the "I did enjoy your anthem!" I said. "and I want you to know it." She, too, stopped and looked at me in an incertain, incredulous way.

"Do you mean It ?" she asked. "We did not think it so good as usual, and we've sung it before." "I liked it," I assured her, "and I was not the only one. The city visitor remarked how well you sang."

Then she flushed with pleasure. "Why, I don't know as we can bear so much praise," she laughed. "If it had come gradually, but so much at once may turn our heads. Really, though, you have no idea how pleasant it is to hear some one say she enjoys our singing. I must go right

The faces of the singers in the choir were aglow with happiness (or did I imagine it) when they sang the closing separator only nine days. hymn. I thought I had never heard

them sing with more enthusiasm. A little praise lubricates the muchinery in the wearlsome grind of life, and how easy it is, if we only think, to speak it! There are men and women in country choirs all over the land who unselfiably sing out their lives, and no one ever thinks to

drap a flower of gratitude on their unmarked graves. Give them a word of appreciation. ve thoughtless church-goes, and see if you ever before cut off a larger coupon for the principal invested .- Julia D.

DISSIPATION IN READING.

Schopenhaur said : "The surest way

take up a book every time we have nothing to do." That is not the popular idea, for reading is generally regarded as the generator of thought and character. But It is not so of itself. One must do somothing besides road. He must digest what he reads. There are people who read a great deal more than other people, but know less. They read just to read-to put in time for a pleasurable sensation, such as to service, as do cab drivers in our one gets lying in a hummock or drink. American cities. Through all hours of ing a glass of sods. There is no digos. | the day, and far into the night, they tive force in it that builds up brain ply their trade. For the reason that ther. It is the sort of reading that | the struct-car service is not as efficient sustains insight talk, and makes as it might be, and owing to the fact one, in a little social circle turn that only the rich can afford to own away in disgust when a ser. their private conveyances, the nublicour subject is referred to. The fact is. the only kind of reading that is worth are employed by shoppers, by women the time employed is that which arouses the reflection and builds up ideals. | going to and fro from work, and for is, weakness. . Mon and women cannot put in all long trips by those who have errands To all such people in Acton we respare time reading. They must have out into the country. It is considered | commend our delicious and liver protime to think, compare, idealize, apply, nothing out of the ordinary for a paration, Vinol, as the very best inquire of their own consciouce, and consciousness if what they read is pure | miles over a rough and muddy road. and uplifting. If we had that sort of Withal they seem tireless, and some of Vinel strengthone the digestive orreading -the thought inspiring kind - then can stand more than the average gans, creates an apputite, promotes

ANCIENT GAME REVIVED.

TWENTY YEARS AGO Gleanings and Siftings from the My grandpa is the strangest man

Free Press of August 80, 1888. Guelph Junction R. R. completed. A sunflower Iff inches in diameter is

curiosity in Mrs. A. F. Huith's gar

The cometery presents an attractive appearance now. The overgroom planted in the apring have nearly al lived, and look strong and healthy. On Thursday a flat car on a freight train, arriving in Acton loaded wit 40-foot telephone poles was found to be on fire, from a heated boxing. The well, people listen complacently, but the roof of anglooor McLennan's And when I feet because the wind from the key, and how they are celti- halted. The flee on the roof was soon extinguished and the car was en

od but the car was litte damaged. Botween Felday night and Baturday morning McGarvin's drug store conditions of the roads, going from The sasti was out out, and the thief two to alx inlies. They leave their had to crawl in between two shelves of work to sing at funerals, for unfeeling books. \$6 or \$7 of telephone funds wore staten. On Tuesday night a respond at such a time. They must pane of glass was broken in Kelly Bros. front window and a felt hat and | possess a volu of strong common sense.

silk handkerchief taken. the ten-year-old son of James Gamble, | husbacds down from their flights of They certainly did sing well, but I Crowsons' Corners, noticed that one of | fancy rather rudely. mirth had swept from face to face like, to notify the authorities to hold the words. As he finished and waited for 8.30 p. m. train from the east. The her appreciation to express itself, she Then I resolved upon a new course section men promptly repaired the said quickly; "Your voluntary was fine!" I re- was requested to call at the station, the left one." tion that when old enough they meadow.

that!" she said. "I'm sure I thank situation in acknowledgement of his der that poets from the earliest ages you. But it is so unusual. I've played | prompt notification. the organ for twelve years—ever since On Sunday morning, by some means | peace and innocence !" I came to town, and in all that time I a tame crow wandered into Knox remember only two people who told Church and took his position on the said Lady Scott, "particularly with front of the gallery [the old church of | mint sauce." course.] A Bible was lying beside him, and this he took the liberty to open and with one foot on the book they accept it as they do the glorious he deliberately tone leaf after leaf out birthday a Hartford clergyman said of the sacred volume, allowing them to him. to fall on the heads of the worshippers "but it is pleasant to know that one below. It is not known whether it

> Mrs. Thos. Blair, of Kilbride, has pleasing bluself. been visiting her daughters here. Miss Lottle E. Speight spent several days at Grinishy Park and Toronto. Mrs. E. Thurtell and Mr. Thurtell Brown visited friends in Toronto.

but is now somewhat better. W. Stark and R. F. Wodohouse advertise \$5 reward for the conviction of this morning has been of a kind I can the person who broke into their boat- spare. I go to church, sir, to pursue house at the pond on Sunday, 10th and my own train of thought. But I.

stole sunday articles. The barn of Mr. Mark Sutton, lot me. You forced me to attend to you, 18, con. il, Erin, was destroyed by fire, and lost me a full half hour. I beg that on Saturday afternoon. Reld Bros. | this may not occur again." were threshing there, and fire was noticed in a log in a small building a few feet from the harn. Water was secured but a strong wind was blowback and tell the others. I believe we ling, and before water was got to the were feeling a little disheartened and, spot both roofs had caught, and the you know, you never do your heat whole structure went with a rush, the when you feel that way. That's why flames getting complete possession in I did not stay to sing for Sunday less than two minutes. Everything in the larn was lost, except the horans, but Reld Bros. lost harness, separator.

and everything else. They had their X. Y. Z. Rookwood, reports that Alex. McQueen, Esq., an old Eramosa farmer, white helping his son John unload grain, fell from the mow, fracturing his thigh, and receiving other

injuries. And that Mr. Jos. Oroft's barn which was recently raised, being uncompleted, some of the sleepers gave way, allowing a large quantity of unthreshed grain to be precipitated into

Boun.-In Nassagaweya, on 'Aug

20, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McGregor.

a daughter.

.Dikn.-In Nasangaweya, on Aug 28. Lizzle, second daughter of Mr. John Hutcheon, aged 25 years. Diko.-At the residence of Mr John Perkins, Bower Ave., Acton, on

Aug. 3), Evnost Wingfield, infant son

of John and Agnes Lambert, aged 4

months and fl days, . IZEN AN HORNES. It is estimated that Tokyo has no loss than 10,000 men who set as horses in hauling the carriages called Jinrikishas, about the atreets. They stand at the corners waiting for a call "rikeha" mon do a hig business. They making social calls, by business mon

THE BIGGER THE SPLASH

It is often noticed that the exement | This is because Vinet contains in a who makes the most splashing goes highly concentrated form all of the A club has been formed in Western | about most stawly. Achievement is elements of cod liver oil, actually from the shock of the full, he was Canada to play the old English game not measured by the amount of noise taken from freely code livers, with the The child listened with unabated in counting his money, and on seeing his of toggets, a pastime alluded to in people make, but often in an inverse useless, nauseating oil climinated and terest while the fully, related's beauti- little sister enter the room, exclaimed, Shakespeare, 'It consists of throwing entle. The bigger the splash, frequent- tonic tron added, ful story all about a very brave boy | "Goe, Gladys, look at all the money I a pin called a logget at a stake driven ly, the less the progress. The more We return money to those who try ico, Canadian Northern Rail- who always went along singles a get for falling out of the window I, in the ground. The player who gets one boasts and promises, the less it is Visol and receive no bonellt." It. A

GRANDPA'S WAY

Of course I love him dearly : Hut really it does seem to me, He looks at things so queerly.

Ho always thinks that overy day

Is right, no matter whether It rains or anows, or shines or blows, Or what kind of weather. When outdoor fun is ruined by A heavy shower provoking. He pats my head and says, "You see The dry earth needs a soaking." And when I think the day too warm

For any kind of plansure, He says, "The corn has grown" I see without a measure. Has set my things all whirling. He looks at me and says, "Tut, Tut ! The close air notely a stirring."

He says, when drifts are pilling high, And fonceposts scarcely peoplify, "How warm beneath their blanket The little flowers are keeping !" Sonfetimes I-think, when on his face His sweat amile shines so clearly, would be alce if every one Could see things Just so queerly.

-Youth's Companion.

PRACTICAL WIVES The wives of men of sentiment often and a matter-of-fact nature which may Some weeks ago Charlie Gamble, at times serve to bring their portical

the ralls on the G. T. R. track near | Jean Paul represents Slobenkus as there was broken off about a foot reading one of his beautiful fancies to from the joint. He immediately start- his wife, who listened with eyes cast ed for Acton, and arrived just in time | down, and apparently absorbed in his

of action as the sweet-faced organist break, and the train took the lad back | "Don't put on those stockings to-morto his home. A few days ago the boy row, dear. I must mend that hole in

> One day, when Sir Walter and Lady "Ah," said Sir Walter, "'tis no won-

have made the lamb the emblem of

"They are indeed delightful animals."

MARK TWAIN AT CHURCH. On Mark Twain's seventy-second

"No wonder he finds happiness it old age. All the aged would be happy was the crow belonging to the Metho- if they were as sympathetic and as I hurried on before she took away dist or Church of England resident on kind as he. He is continually going out of his way to please others, and

the result is that he is continually "Listen, for instance, to the quaint compliment he paid me the last time he came to hear me preach. He waited for me at the church door at the service's end, and shaking me by the

Mrs. W. H. Storey has been very Ill, hand, sald, gravely ; "I mean no offence, but I feel obliged to tell you that the preaching couldn't do it. You interfered with

OIRLS AS PIREMEN. In the fashionable girls' solued, at Kleff, Russia, an odd department of knowledge - that of fire-fighting - is eot patronage of the Czurina. The girls are dressed like regular Russian firemen. They scale ladders, climb fonces, man the hand pumps, string lines of hose, form bucket brigades,

and crawl up and down over the sides and roof of a house supposed to be on The object of the training is to make the young women agile, strong and fearless in the face of real danger. In addition it provides the college with an excellent corps of fire-flighters, for the students are not merely playing, but are ready to not intelligently and effectively in case of emergency. As showing how much in earnest some of the girle are, it may be stated that one young woman obtained, through official influence, permission to respond

to fire calls with the real fire brigade in hor native city, after graduation.

THE CAT'S PINS Martin had tormented Dinah, her kind old cat, for more than a half-hour without an interval of peace, when she gave Dinah's tail such an unnierelful pull that the poor old cat decided that forboarance had conved to be a virtue, so she resorted to her clays for the first time in her life when with the child. Dinah gavo Martha's little fat hand such a soratch that the blood fairly trickled, and she, with tours and blood streaming, went to Dinah with all the wrath in her volce she could command and said, "Give me there

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