

BOY'S CORNER POINTERS FOR BOYS.

In a mother's old scrap book we recently came across the following choice counsel for boys:—

1. To Throw Stones.—Fold each one carefully in a feather bed, and give notice to all the neighborhood when and where you are going to pitch it.

2. To Carry Gunpowder in the Pocket.—Soak it well in cold water, and then wrap it up in a cover of oiled silk.

3. To Slide Down the Banister.—Let a surgeon sit upon the lower stair. Also, carry a pail full of poultice in each of your hands, as you may need it.

4. To Cure Creaky Boots or Shoes.—Wear them always in going into the pantry to get some of mother's cakes and pies.

BREVITIES.

Conditions we are, in the treatment of our forests and streams, mere barbarians.

The majority of our readers live in a northern climate. To them a warm wave like that which came last week is a gift from heaven.

A commission is proposed for the government of Chelsea. The advantage of this plan is that no governor would dare to appoint such men as can easily be elected to the common council.

With the increase of foreign population of a low order of intelligence and with no knowledge of free institutions, the opportunities to import girls and young women and hold them in a condition of slavery for immoral purposes is greatly increased.

If the American people were selfish in the treatment and care of their forests, and were sufficiently intelligent, would they not say, Let the Canadians grind their trees to pulp if they will, for the benefit of our printers, while we save our own to beautify the country and protect it from drought.

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life,—to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest in each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent, unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting.—George Elliot.

Every soul has in it the germ of divinity. This germ will develop as sure as God is God, for it is always brooded over by the Most High. That weak, wicked, dissipated wretch will disappear, and the Son of God will appear. The sinner will become the saint by the necessity of his own being, which is from God.—Ursula N. Gestefeld.

A charming young mother entered the compartment, accompanied by a fine looking little fellow of about four years of age. A gentleman in the carriage coaxed him to sit on his knee, where he prattled away, as babies do. The crowning point arrived when the little one said, "Have you dot a muvver?" "No," the traveller replied. "Nobody to kiss you?" "Nobody at all." The little fellow looked into the traveller's face for a moment, then running to his mother, said in a shrill voice, at the same

time pointing to the traveller: "Mummy, kiss him, 'cos he's dot nobody to love him."

Magistrate (to witness)—"Did you ever hear words pass between them?" "No, your Honor, but I saw words pass between them." Magistrate—"Explain yourself." "I saw him hit her with a dictionary."

Willie—"Mother, would you like me to dig the garden for you today?" Mother—"Yes, dear, I would." Willie (making for the garden)—"I didn't think I should get them worms without her findin' out that I was goin' fishin'!"

Russian Official: "You can't stay in this country, sir." Tourist: "Then I'll just leave it." Russian Official: "Have you a permit to leave?" Tourist: "No, sir." Russian Official: "Then you cannot go. I give you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you will do."

A well known English judge when passing sentence on a prisoner convicted on all the counts of a long indictment, observed: "Do you know, sir, that it is in my power to sentence you for these many breaches of the laws of your country to a term of penal servitude far exceeding your natural life?"

Luxury.

I know it is more agreeable to walk upon carpets than to lie upon dungeon floors; I know it is pleasant to have all the comforts and luxuries of civilization, but he who cares only for these things is worth no more than a butterfly, contented and thoughtless upon a morning flower; and who ever thought of rearing a tombstone to a last summer's butterfly?—Henry Ward Beecher.

The Cynic.

The cynic puts all human actions into only two classes; openly bad and secretly bad. All virtue, and generosity, and disinterestedness are merely the appearance of good, but selfish at the bottom. He holds that no man does a good thing except for profit. The effect of his conversation upon your feelings is to chill and sear them; to send you away sour and morose.—Beecher.

Preparing for Sorrow.

A man must make up his mind that sorrows and troubles are sure to come. You must have your share and perhaps more than you think is your share. When you have fixed this fact in your mind, you have made much progress toward meeting it manfully, with patience, faith and hope.—Christian Observer.

Plantain a Tropical Blessing.

The plantain is a native of the tropics which helps to keep man's larder filled. The plantain is credited with having grown in the Garden of Eden alongside the tree from which we picked the apple. Its fruit is used much as are bananas and its "cabbage" is esteemed a great delicacy.

This Nation of Pie Lovers.

It has been estimated that the aggregate number of pies consumed in the United States daily is 2,250,000, or 821,000,000 annually, at a cost of \$164,000,000 to the consumers. This yearly pie crop would form a tower 13,468 miles high, would girdle the earth and weigh 803,000 tons.

Even His Temperature.

A Peruvian Jew at Johannesburg was so ill that a trained nurse had to be sent for. When she came on duty her first remark was: "Now I'll take your temperature." To which the Jew replied: "You can't; everything is in my wife's name."—Sporting Times.

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