### Poetry.

#### CHILDREN'S VOICES

Children's voices! children's voices! How I love to hear them nigh! Shouting, singing, laughter flinging To the beaming Summer sky!

Children's voices, children's voices, Blending oft with birds' and bees', Sunshine, flowers, woodland bowers, Pictured in their melodies.

Children's voices, children's voices. Bringing back the careless day, When my giddy brain was busy Only with my toys and play.

Children's voices, children's voices, Hark the shout as from the school Boys are tearing with the daring Born of freedom's jocund rule!

Children's voices, children's voices, What so innocently wild?
'Twas to leaven earth with heaven

God breathed music in the child. Children's voices, children's voices, Blent in choral hymn of praise How they lift us, how they sift us,

From the dust of falling days! Children's voices, children's voices, One there is I cannot bear, Through my brain it steals to pain it, Dreaming in my elbow chair.

Children's voices, children's voices, Strain so tender, sweet, and true, Lark and linnet may begin it-Angels, only, sing it through.

#### ODDS AND ENDS

THE man who waxes strong every day-The shoemaker.

A "smile" that foretells sorrow- the one you take in a bar-room. WE think lawyers to be wise men and

they know us to be fools. NEVER tell your secrets in a corn-field,

for it has a thousand ears. A SERIOUS JOKE. - Small boy trying to sell

an Editor one of his own papers. THE follies we so often see in others are

but reflections from our own minds. Why are the girls in Missouri always

sweet? Because they are Mo. lasses. THE proof of the adage that time is money is found in the fact that times change. WHY was Noah never hungry in the ark?

Because he always had Ham with him. HE that will not look before him, will have to look behind him-with regret. THE wise man knows that he knows no-

thing; the fool thinks that he knows all. ANGER is like a little fire, which, if not timely checked, may burn down a lofty pile.

To Adam Paradise was home. To the

good among his descendants home is para-When is a young man's arm like the Gospel? When it makes glad the waist

TRUE wisdom is to know what is best

worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing. RESOLVE on that course of life which is most excellent, and habit will render it the

Ir you wish to keep your enemies from knowing any harm of you, don't let your friends know any.

An old sailor said, a few days ago, "I began the world with nothing, and I have held my own ever since."

THE following sentence will show the importance of the position of a comma: "Woman-Without her man, is a brute." WHEN our desires are fulfilled to the very

letter, we always find some mistake which renders them anything but what we expected. ONE of the metropolitan conductors was recently discharged for stopping to take a drink, on the testimony of a man who said

he saw him take a gall on. A WHITE boy met a colored lad the other day and asked him what he had such a short nose for. 'I spect so it won't poke itself into other people's business."

Josh Billings say: "When a young man ain't good for anything else, I like tew see him carry a gold headed cane. If he can't buy a cane, let him part his hair in the

A YOUNG lady who was rebuked by her mother for kissing her intended, justified the act by quoting the passage: "Whatsoever ve would that men should do unte you, do you even so to them."

A MARRIED man in New Hampshire has adopted an original method of economy. One morning, recently, when he knew his wife would see him, he kissed the servant girl. The house expenses were instantly reduced \$300 per year.

THE CAT. - A great deal has been writ about the cat, but not all; there are many points in the characters of cats that has been overlooked, a knowledge of wich mite be of service to naturalisis and house keepersesthis blank it is my intention to full.

The cat is a native of the world and is pretty generally distributed over land and Cats run wild in grate numbers in lanes

and by ways, and are very ferocious crea-It is said that the cat has nine lives; for this reason it is possible they may be found on the planets, which is very similiar to our

There are several varieties of cats; as the wild-cat, the tortoise shell cat, the tabby cat, and the cat o' nine tails.

The cat o' nine tails has become extinct in most parts of the world, but still exists m Russia and the United States. Cats, in some instances, is domestic animals, and can exist anywhere from the par-

lor hearth rug to the cradle of the baby. In general, cats has but one tail (not pre hensile, which means ring triled) which is

of great advantage for children to take hold Cats indulge themselves in the amusement

of catching mice—stealing milk, custards and other delicacies is also among their pastimes. Cats belong to the Feline order, wich

does not save them from sometimes disorderly animals.

Cats is very good mewsicians and with the bullfrogs may be classed among the 'voices of the night,' and they often surprise you with a serenade when you would much rather they wouldn't.

Cats see best and do things best in the dark, perhaps because "evil deeds shun the

Cats serve many useful purposes, especially in cities where they form an extensive ingredient in sossages. In other respects cats is not much used as

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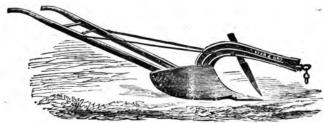
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