Chats with the Children 000005 1000000000

POEM COMPETITION.

sunser.

I sat on a seat in our garden
And I watched the sunset fade,
As I tried to count the colours,
There seemed nearly every shade.

There was crimson, pink and yellow. And oh such a beautiful blue With a bright golden space between, Where the angels could just look through

With a bright golden space between,
Where the angelscould just look through.
Then slowly grey, and clouds like a
cuttain
Covered the susest from sight;
And I of the from my seat in the garden
To say my prayers for the bight.
Mry McFeak,
Aged 11, Braken Hollow, Quebec,
DEAR COUSTS Fro. — My piece I hope
is not too late for I should so like to see
it in the paper. My Fa has been a subseriber for many years and though I
did not try in alliferation, I would like to
see all a piece of poetry often if I may for
I am very fond of composing.
Yours truly
May and would like how to could us all
the poems she can compose, else writes
wery well and will certainly improve
with practice. Her handwriting shows
considerable character, and not a little
talcut.

A DOLL'S MILLINERY STORE.

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Lulu had always liked to trim dollies' hats. Sho was nover fretful about her work, but used up the bits of ribbon and silk that sho had, and never teased for more.

"Oh, mamma," she cried one day, "can't I play that this window is my store?"

Mamma said yes, and Lulu pinned the little hats and hougets up to the

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vindow.

"I'll print a sign and pin that up,
oo" she said.
When the little girls saw the sign and
we millinery at the window, they came
rith their pins and pennies and bought
be stup lates and bounets for their

dolls., number of people are to have a big fair," said papa one day. "They have beard of your millinery store, and wonderful on more it down to the ball on the ball of the ba

uonars.

"Your trade grows so that I shall nave to build you a little store out of the boards to the boxos that goods come in," said papa.

ie to bung you.

Joards to the boxes that goods come "said papa.

So a little store was built out in the rd. There was a chamber to which a must climb on a little ladder. This there was a counter, and behind the stood am sold or hand. There was a word or hand, to go the stood and the stood are hand. There was a word or hand, to go the stood and the stood are well as the stood are ware in it? There was a window ug with such dainty allk bonnets and raw hats and pieces of ribbon and k; and over the little door, which had truly lock and key, this sign was inted:

LULU BURGESS,

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Forencon and afternoon you could see
little girls carrying their dolls to the
store to got fitted for a hat, or hurrying
out of the yard carrying a tiny bounce
pinned up in a piece of wrapping paper,
on which was printed Luluis advertisement.—Alice May Douglas.

ISN'T IT AWFUL.

There is a little maiden

Who has an awful time;
She has to hurry awfully
To get to school at nine.

She has an awful teacher: Her tasks are awful hard; Her playmates are awful rough When playing in the yard.

She has an awful kitty,
Who often shows her claws;
A dog who jumps upon her dre
With awful muddy paws.

She has a baby sister With an awful little nose, With awful cunning dimples, And such awful little toes.

She has two little brothers, And they are awful boys, With their awful drums and And make an awful noise.

Do come, I pray thee, com Come and this maid defend Or else, I fear, her awful life Will have an awful end.

Toronto, Aug. 2 '98

Dear Courn Fro.—I was very much pleased on my return from Ste Anne de Beaupre to find that Mr. Billy Battons had arrived before me. I enjoyed reading it very much although I prefer Father Finn's works.

I had a very pleasant holiday at Montreal and Quebec. The Basilines of Roebec struck me as being the grandest church I have ever seen Thanking you for your handsome prize.

Yours Sincerely

The consins would like to hear about consin John's holiday, and what he thought of Ste Anne de Beaupre. I have been there and thick it a very beautiful and interesting place. Write and give us your impressions of it consin John.

could not be returned.

This yarn of childhood is related by the Washington Star:
Six year-old Tommie was sent by his eldest sister to the corner grocery to buy a pound of lump sugar. He played allies on his way to the store, and by the time he arrived there he had forgotten what kind of sugar he was sent for. So he took home a pound of the granulated article. His eldest sister sent him back to the store to get lump result him back to the store to get lump

A Famous Journalist in Want.

A London correspondent says: I regret to state that the veteran war correspondent and Irish journalist, John Augustus O'Shes, has fallen upon evil days. He has been compelled to go into the hospital. A memorial to Mr. Balfour praying that a civil list pension be granted to the affitted veteran has been extensively signed by members of Parliament. Mr. O Shea represented the "Starland" during the Franco-German war, and also in Spain throughout the Pensular troubles of the seventies, and accompanied the Prince of Wales on his Indian tours for the same journal. Latterly he did some work for the "Catholic Universe," which recently changed hands. nged hands.

sugar. After the proprietor of the grocery shop had made the change for the little lad he engaged Tommie in conversation.

"Tommie," said he, "I understand

PHZZLES.

sailor?

4. Why should you not inquire into a miser's character?

MISSING WORD

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There was none a gouldeman who was fond of very high cellars, and used to wear them reaching to his errs.

One day a couple of wasters in a lunch room were commenting upon him, and one said: "Well now, what dish does he remind you of?"

"Why," replied the other, "I should say a dish of.

DOUBLE ADROSTIC.

A drawing pencil; an astronomical phenomenon; the latin for not, or do not; to keep away from; the beginning of light, a famous place in Italy. Initials read downwards will give a country, and finals read upwards, one of the nativos.

Answers to puzzles of Aug. 4th. HIDDEN VEGETABLES.
Potatoes, Asparagus, artichoke ean, tomato.

CHARADES.

ADDED HEADS 1. Ear, bear.
2. Ox, fox.
8. Ink, mink,
4. Awl, yawl.

MARKS.

Mary Smith, 5; B. Doyle, 8; F. McCarthy, 4; S. J. Murphy, 4; B. Maher 8; B. Boland, 2. Covsin Bertha Boland forgot to add her name, the cousins must be careful in this respect.

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A man never seeks consolation until after it is found.

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"My opponent," shouted the orator,
"has seen fit to refer to the fact that
my mother took in washing. She did;
and, what is more to the point, she
always sent it all back." After that
there was nothing to do but cast
a majority vote for the man whose
parent showed such evidence of perfect housety and attention to duty.
Oh, to look upon that Face eternally—how sweet a destiny! A humble, reverent, familiar, affectionate
devotion to the Passion is one chief
sign of our predestination to see the
Face of Jesus for evermore,—Father
Faber.

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We should hold curselves ready to be something or nothing to society, as may seem possible; but, at all evente, to be something and much to curselves. For him who thus preserves his independence society reserves her choicest treasures. She gives him in solitude he could never obtain—the power of expressing his true self clearly. Aloue he may gain knowledge and self-discipline; but it is only in society that he learns the art of self-expression.

Achie represent the outward destruction of the material world, and show the endless decomposition of all bodies when detached from the source of organization and life. They are, therefore, the symbol of earthly of the disorganisation of bodily life—in other words, of death itself. But death is the wages of sin and at the same time the symbol of eince penalties, and as such is calculated to warn us sternly that we should endeavour to regain true life by a return to God over the path of sincere repentance.

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Farm and Garden

The following appeared in subst

"and made the change for conversation.
"Tommie," said he, "I understand there is a new member of your family?"
"Yes, sir," replied the boy: "I've get a little brether."
"Well, how do you like that, hey?" inquired the greecryman."
"Don't like it at all," said Tommie; "atther have a little sister.
"Then, why don't you change him, Tommie?"
"Well, we would if we could."
"Well, we would if we could."
I don't suppose we con-The following appeared in substance in the various Boston dailies:—
George T. Angell sends out the following suggestions for the comfort of the horses:—"On a very hot day keep a sponge, a tovel, or your handkerchief soaked with pure cold water on the top of your horse's head. If your horse's back is sore, use pure cold water on it freely every time the saddle is removed. In hot weather tell the driver of your herdie, cab, or carriage to drive slowly, especially up hills, and give him five or ten cents extra for doing it. In hot weather be sure your check-rein is loose and your horse frequently watered. In hot weather a mouthful of grass, or a plece of bread, or a cracker even, will help your horse wonderfully."

The United States Government, has Tommle?"
"Well, we would if we could; but I don't suppose we can. You see, we have used him four days now!" CONUNDATIONS.
When is a man thinner than a Iatho?
2. When does June come before May?
3. What is the best wind for a hungry sailor?

or a cracker even, will help your horse wonderfully."

The United States Government has been experimenting with this for the last two years. In 1895 the appropriation for the purpose of experimenting in this time was \$10,000, in 1897, \$50,000, and this year the appropriation has been increased to \$150,000. This increased ed appropriation will enable the department to make a more extended trial than heretofore. The United States postal authorities seem to have overy confidence in the scheme, and hope to make a permanent success of the venture. One of the difficulties the authorities have had to contend with m prosecuting the scheme is the bad roads, and it may be possible that a successful rural postal delivery cannot be fully carried out till all the high-ways throughout the country are in a good condition.

If all the roads throughout the country were in good condition, a free

If all the roads throughout the country were in good condition, a free rural postal delivery should prove a practical venture in the more thickly populated country districts. The cost of travel is the most important item to be considered, and if the roads are bad this will be largely increased. If the roads were all in good shape for wheeling, or if a bleycle path were made, it might be possible for the farmer to have the "boon" of a free postal delivery at comparatively little postal delivery at comparatively little cost. With good roads and a good bicycle a postman could cover a large section of territory every day.—Farm-

According to the office of Road Enquiry of the United States Department of Agriculture the expense of moving farm products and supplies on all the country roads is twenty-five cents per ton per mile; where as in the districts of the United States and other countries, where the roads are good, the cost is only about on -third of this amount. It is estimated that this extra cost of haulage in the United States, due to bed roads, amounts in the aggregate to more than the entire expenditure of the national Government; and, taking into account all the law is equal to one-fourth of the home value of all the farm products of the United States. This loss is sufficient in a few years to make every American roadway the very best, and it would be a profitable investment if the appropriation were made for that purpose.

But the increase in the cost of haul-

But the increase in the cost of haulage is by no means the only loss resulting from bad roads. The loss of perishable products for want of access to market, the failure to reach the market when the prices are good, and the failure to cultivate products which vould be profitable f markets were accessible, add many millions to the accessible, add many millions to the catual tax of bad roads. Besides the tad condition of the roads during large pritions of the year causes the enforced idleness of numbers of men and draught animals, which in itself is a cerious loss. In other ways the cost of bad roads is largely increased, so that they are really a burden to the people.—Farming.

Young turkeys should now, says:
Farm and Fireslde, be far enough advanced to be beyond the danger stass,
and they will thrive admirably on a
range. To keep then in growing condition and induce them to come up
every evening they may be given one
meal a day, which should consist of
cooked cake, composed of two pounds
of cornmeal, one pound of middlings,
one pound of ground cets, one pound
of ground mest, and half a pound of linseed meal. They w.il relish such a
mess, and will grow rapidly.

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American Agriculturist: — Summer pruning tends to form fruit buds while trimming in the spring produces wood growth. Trim each year, but only enough to cut out cross branches and water sprouts. A tree can sometimes be induced to bear yearly by removing half of the fruit buds and permitting it to bear a half crop only each season. It is, however, usually more practicable to allow nature to take its course, and let the trees bear each alternate year. Let each tree assume its individual shape, and do not try to have all look allke.

have all look allike.

The American Agriculturist estimates that the wool crop of the United States will this year be only a trifle over two hundred and forty-six and a half million pounds. This is seven and a half million pounds less than the clip of '91. The Country Gentleman, in: its review of the New York wool market, given clsewhere, adds to this the statement that the market is improving and is likely to show a meady advance in prices from how on. These facts support the statement already made by the 5m that the Americans must this year import largely of Capada wool.

duty or no duty, and that consequently wool in this country is likely to ad-vance in price. Small dealers and pro-ducers who ictuse to unload at the price fixed in Toronto are acting wisely.

A GOOD OPENING FOR SETTLE-MENT.

To the Editon of the Register: Sir,—The following letter is written by me in good faith, that parties seek ng such opportunities may take ad-rantage :

ing such opportunities may take advantage:

Kearney is situated on the bank of the Magnettawan river, in the township of Terry, in the district of Parry Sound. It is one of the finest tourist haunts in Canada. For fishing, beating, and hunting every facility is oftered. In Kearney there are three general stores, two blacksmilths' shops, two hotels, one chair factory, one lumber and shingle mill, confectionery store, post-office, and steam lau-dry. The place is also well provided wita churches—one Roman Catholic, one Presbyterfan, one Anglican, and other denominations.

There is a splendid railway depot of the Ottawa, Arnpulor, and Parry Sound inc, here. It is only five miles from Emsdale, which is on the G.T.R., Alli of these disprevents have been built of these disprevents have been built of these disprevents and the samp of the control of these disprevents have been built of these disprevents have been built of these disprevents and the sample of the control of the sample of the control of the

Emsdaie, which is on the G.T.R. All of these improvements have been built within the past few years, as the writer can certify to, being a resident for most of nincteen years, and one of the ploneer settlers. The principal building in Kearney many years ago was one log shanty, used for provisions, and the settl's were obliged to go there for supplies and trudge back fifteen miles through thick woods, and on several occasions were obliged to sleep on the journey, owing to the dilatory progress, and continue on next day to their destination. And in some instances they were paintuity disappoint-stances they were paintuity disappoint-stances they were paintuity disappointthe journey, owing to the dilatory progress, and continue on next day to their destination. And in some instances they were painfully disappointed to find the provision dealen out of supplied in the backwoods, as the same came from Gravenhurst and Bracebridge. At present the land around here is almost cleared off, and many farms could not be bought for \$5,000. In the township of Bethune are some of the most suitable and choice lands for stock-russing, especially so for sheep. Many of the early settlers going into this locality were men of limited means, and could not afford the outlay on stock, but the surroundings soon convinced them that stock-ruisng was the best earning power of their investment. Any person desiring in invest in a profulable business of this kind will do well by going into the Township of Bethune, purchase a clear farm and stock it. I will vouch that he will receive better returns therefrom than any other speculation with the same capital and labour in the province. In Bethune the loads are made by the Government, and all that is required is a few days' statute labour and two or three dollars annually for school taxes. Many settlers cleared off twenty-five or thirty acres subsequent to locating and seeding down, but were then unable to put on the stock, became disheartened, and went out to the front again. So that now and for several years a total commons has been converted into the choicest clover grass to be seen in the country. There is plenty of running water. water. Part of this land, of course, is ston:

country. There is plenty of running water.

Part of this land, of course, is stony and rough, but suitable lands are exceptionally good for growing oats, hay and roots for winter food. This country is noted for seasonable weather. One particular interesting to the stock raiser is that the ground does not freeze in winter. The snow comes early and remains until the general breakup in spring, and consequently prevents the hand frosts from reaching the earth. The snow goes away suddenly, leaving the grass exposed fon the stock, whereas in many places farmers have to feed their stock hay or straw until May. Hoping this letter will be of benefit to the public in general, more particularly to the subscribers of this paper, so worthy to go into Catholic homes. Persons having lapital to invest in a good opening expital to invest in a good opening in the subscribers of this paper, so worthy to focal consumption and large industries. It will convince the most sceptical if they will make a trip to this district and see for themselves. I am sure the impressions of the surroundings will remove any misropresentations, however produced. Father Fleming, of Bracebridge, is the attending priest of Kearney. He is highly exteemed for his sterling qualities, and is to be credited in a partic ar manner for the recent advancement and growing industries of this country by his good counsel. To garties deserving any further information, I will be pleased at any time to answer all questions.—Thos. McGowan, 15 Henry street, Toronto.

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