

Chats with the Children

POEM COMPETITION. SUNSET. I sat on a seat in our garden...

There was crimson, pink and yellow. And oh such a beautiful blue...

Then slowly grey, and clouds like a curtain. Covered the sunset from sight...

Max McPeck. We were very pleased to welcome cousin May, and would like her to send us all the poems she can...

A DOLL'S MILLINERY STORE. Lulu had always liked to trim dollies' hats...

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

"I'll print a sign and pin that up, too," she said. "What the little girls saw the sign and the millinery at the window..."

"O, how lovely!" cried Lulu. And when the time of the fair came, she packed up her dainty millinery...

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

So a little store was built out in the yard. There was a chamber to which one must climb on a little ladder.

Forenoon and afternoon you could see little girls carrying their dolls to the store to get fitted for a hat...

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 dress, 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 trumpets, And make an awful noise.

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

DEAR COUNTESS FLO.—I was very much pleased on my return from Ste Anne de Beaupre to find that Mr. Billy Buttons had arrived before me...

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 there is a new member of your family?" "Yes, sir," replied the boy...

"Well, how do you like that, hey?" inquired the groceryman. "Don't like it at all," said Tommie...

"Well, we would if we could; but I don't suppose we can. You see, we have used him four days now!"

PUZZLES. CONUNDRUMS. 1. When is a man thinner than a lath?

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF AUG. 4TH. HIDDEN VEGETABLES. Potatoes, Asparagus, artichoke, onion, bean, tomato.

ORADES. Damask. ADDED HEADS. 1. Bar, bear. 2. Ore, fox.

MARKS. Mary Smith, 5; B. Doyle, 3; F. McCarthy, 4; S. J. Murphy, 4; B. Maher, 3; B. Boland, 2.

A Famous Journalist in Want. A London correspondent says: I regret to state that the veteran war correspondent and Irish journalist, John Augustus O'Shea, has fallen upon evil days.

A man never seeks consolation until after it is found. "My opponent," shouted the orator, "has seen fit to refer to the fact that my mother took in washing."

We should hold ourselves ready to be something or nothing to society, as may seem possible; but, at all events, to be something and much to ourselves.

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.

Asbes represent the outward degradation of the material world, and show the endless decomposition of all bodies when detached from the source of organization and life.

FEVER AND AGUE AND BILIOUS DISORDERS are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter...

COULD NOT BE RETURNED. This year of childhood is related by the Washington Star: Six-year-old Tommie was sent by his oldest sister to the corner grocery to buy a pound of lump sugar.

THE 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.

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A poor woman had a son of whom she was very proud, unintentionally paid him a very bad compliment. Speaking of the boy to the priest, she said: "There isn't in the barony, yer reverence, a cleverer a I no Tom. Look at him, yer reverence," pointing to two chairs in the cabin...

Farm and Garden

The following appeared in substance in the various Boston Galleries:—George T. Angell sends out the following suggestions for the comfort of the horses:—"On a very hot day keep a sponge, a towel, or your handkerchief soaked with pure cold water on the top of your horse's head."

The United States Government has been experimenting with this for the past two years. In 1896 the appropriation for the purpose of experimenting was \$100,000, and this year the appropriation has been increased to \$150,000.

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.

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A GOOD OPENING FOR SETTLEMENT. To the Editor of the Register:—Sir, The following letter is written by me in good faith, that parties seeking such opportunities may take advantage:—

Kearney is situated on the bank of the Magnetawan river, in the township of Perry, in the district of Parry Sound. It is one of the finest tourist resorts in Canada.

There is a splendid railway depot of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound line, here. It is only five miles from Innesdale, which is on the G.T.R.

All of these improvements have been within the past few years, as the writer can certify to, being a resident for most of nineteen years, and one of the pioneer settlers.

The principal building in Kearney many years ago was one log shanty, used for provisions, and the settler were obliged to go there for supplies and trading 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.

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-raising, 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-raising was the best earning power of their investment.

Any person desiring to invest in a profitable business of this kind will do well by going into the Township of Bethune, purchase a clear farm and stock it. I will vouch for him that he will receive better returns therefrom than any other speculation with the same capital and labour in the province.

In Bethune the roads 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 commonsense has been converted into the choicest clover grass to be seen in the 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.

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