several large lots of Rem



### A PRAYER.

O Father, from thy dwelling place Look on the children here below, Who, though they do not see the face. Thy kindness and thy mercy know

With one look of thy loving eyo
Restrain the wanderers who roam,
Cry to them with the loving cry
That brings the chiefest sinner home

Make them to feel that treasures sought Jewels, however bright the; shine, That even heaven itself is naught Compared with one kind look of thine.

Entreat them, win them with thy love.
Their many sins and faults forgive.
That in all thy bright home above
May vorthy be with thee to live
MOSES TEGGART

#### POLLY'S CALLS.

Dear me, please excuse my appearance, for I have come a long way on my bicycle. Nev-



bright-eyed and rosy-checked was sitting in the sunshine cating peaches and cream. Of course I dismounted to exchange greetings. She offered to share with me the contents of a large basket she had with her, at the same time taking from it a Raisin Loaf, Graham Gem and some Huckleberries. I could not well refuse such a treat.

Ah, listen, what is that? Oh, 'tis only a Village Rustle singing Sweet Marie. Presently she joined us with a basket of beauties. Among them were the prettiest white Caila Lity, a June Rose, Jessa Mine, Sweet Brier, Wild Rose, California Viciet, Narcissus, Bluebell and a Marguerite, But I must tear myself away, for I have a long journey before me. Mount my wheel and speed away. In front of a neat little cottage stands Lonesome Old Bach, bustly engaged in getting wood to cook his meals.

On and on I speed, but hark, the sweet

Bach, busily engaged in getting wood to cook his meals.

On and on I sped, but hark, the sweet strains of music are wafted to me from behind a clump of ferest pines, and then, emerging from her heling place, comes our beloved Kink, picking on a dulcet guitar that sad forcet song. "What makes thee sad, my darling?" A "high-top" ouggy comes into view and I recognize Coddie and Coddies Sister Further on I speed Pretoria in carnest conversation with Little Pappoose

Ah, there sits Shiftless Simpson Ah, there sits Shiftless Simpson, seving on a button, having just finished mending the pair of trousers he is working on. 'Tis no one's else business but his, and he seems to be so happy about it. There comes Plow Roy. He had been to see Niskayuna, and together they had discussed his favorite subject.

they had discussed his favorite subject, phrenology.

Loneseme Joe in his buggy draws his ponies to a standstill by my side, and gallantly offers his services, for I had punctured a tire badly. He assisted my injured wheel and myself in the buggy, and a delightful drive I had under the beautiful Silver Moon for some miles, when all our pleasure was cut short by the ponies becoming frightened and dashing off at breakneck speed. I told him I would either fall or jump out. He begged me to remain where I was and be quiet but I was strong-headed and so I jumped out With a start I awoke from my pleasant dream.—[Polty Pepper.

"My parents may come between us," she faltered. If they do, he exclaimed helly, "they must be pretty small." And he pressed her still closer.

#### AMONG OURSELVES.

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An Ideal Couple-Cowboy and Sister Ella, you both have my sympathy.



have never had a

have never had a like experience, but if I did. I would not let peride stand in the way of a reconciliation. There are so many ways of making up, 'twould be easy enough. I'm sure. I have been engaged several years and we have never had any quarrels. Bear and forbear has been our motto and we mean to live up to it in the new life we are soon to enter. On, no, we did not become acquainted through F & H, but it's a line paper. Just 'ae same. I belong to a letter circle. and it would be one of the best if the letters weren't so long making a round. I think age will improve it; it's only in its infancy now—[Member of Letter Circle No 106. Circle No 106.

ertneicss, I had a delightful trip, and met quite a number of the councilors on the way I nossed by and met quite a number of the Councilors on the Way I passed by a large open field, in which, to my surprise. A Whistling Girl, bright-eyed and rosy-checked was sitting in the sunshine cating peaches and cream. Of course I dismounted to exchange greetings. She offered to share with me ge basket she had etime taking from

Lost Isles-As I look around on company of young friends assembled for a social evening. I often think how short a time it will be before we shall short a time it will be before we shall be scattered to the four corners of the earth, some never to be seen again in this world, and some even forgotten, crowded out of our minds by the business and cares of life. And yet, how often in after years shall our thoughts turn back to this, the happiest time of life, and long for the old times, the lowing hand-clasps of the near and dear friends of long ago, who live to us in memory only! How it stands us in hand to exert ourselves to the utmost to make ourselves and others as happy as possible, so that in looking back, estail have nothing to regret. In reviewing my school days just passed, I can recall the names of many dear friends who have gone to join in the ceaseless structly for gold and fame the majority of whom I shall probably never see again. I often think of a poem by he scattered to the four corners of the again I often Tlove Mifflin think of a poem by

Twas long ago we reamed a summer

Sea,
With pictured sails that fained the performed nir.
Far over the waters, yet we knew not where
Sudden an isle, dim as a memory.
Called like a siren to us, until we
Lav in her bosom an hour at anchor there.
We sailed siar; then searched in sheer despair.

h salled size; cook despair. despair. never more we found where it could

"O lips of these who leved us, lightly pressed.
Where are yo now, since life is growing gray?
Hands clasped in ours, dear faces once carries of the pressed in ours.

And left forever, and some tender breast Where we were anchored by sweet love, a day... Lost lies are these from which we salled away."

A Thankless Task-There has been a good deal written about stepmothers. pro and con. I think they are, as a class, like the proverbial mother-in-law, a much-abused lot. A stepmother, no inatter hos good she tries to be to her stepchildren, has invariably a hankless task. I have seen, in a num-

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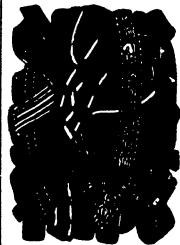
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