WHY CATS WASH AFTER EATING.

You may have noticed, little friends.
That cats don't wash their faces
Belore they eat, as children do,
in all good Christian places.

Well, years ago, a famous cat,
The pangs of hunger feeling,
Had chanced to catch a fine young
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Who said, as he caused squealing:

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After Breckfust ant Fanny come in, and when she Herd about the Baby bein sick she says:

"You must stop given it that kind of food rite away. When my little Florence was borned she had the same kind of Trubble. so I fed her condensed milk and she cum

the same kind of Trubble so I fed her condensed milk and she cum thru all rite."

Purty soon Mrs. Rawson and Mrs. Purty soon Mrs. Rawson and Mrs. Pend came in.

"My good nuss." Mrs. Rawson sed when paw told her about the Condensed milk: "Don't give her That. It would kill the Poor little Thing. It alwais Bring my Babies up on Stunley's otes water, and They never give me a Bit of tuubble. "I wouldn't Dare to give no child of mine that kind of stuff." Mrs. Pond told maw. "You mite as well fead it Green Cucumbers and Be Done with it. They ain't nothing Like malted milk fer a Baby with the Collek, and if this nurse Hadeny sentz she would of knowed it at the start."

Thay was about a Half a Dozen other Ladies Come while naw was

at the start."

Thay was about a Half a Dozen other Ladies Come while paw was Thinken about it to Teil Him what of the Be done, and nearly all of them sed thay Had the Best dockter on erth, and paw of to change Before it was too Late or we wouldent Have no luck with the Child.

After thay all Got thru paw went to the Resket where the Reby was to the Basket where the Baby was Sleepin as peaceful as a Lam. and looked at it a Long time, and then He went out in the Hail, and got little albert's drum and Began to pound on it and Jump up and Down and Sing Git your munny's Wurth. Purty soon after that the Dockter came and Him and the Nurse sneek ed up Behind and the Furst thing paw new the Dockter was Holdin his arms fast to His sides and tryin to push Him into a closet whare they iwanted to Lock him up. "Here," confound it," paw Holered, "what are you trying to Do?" Be Cam," the Dockter told Him. "We are your Frends. We are Goin to purteckt you. It's all rite." "No, it ain't." paw Hollered. "You may think t is. But I ain't payin You three dollars a visit to come Here and Try to play Horse with me."

By that Time the Dockter seen paw wasent Crazy, so he let go and ast what he ment by making Satch a Racket. "I was tryin to Keep the

what he ment by making Sutch a Racket.

"I was tryin to Keep the Baby awake in the Day time so it would give a purson a Chanct to sleap a Little at nite," paw told him.

"Then I Take it all Back," the Dockter sed. "I that the Wimmin what are alwais Cummen in and Tellen what to Do with the Babies was the Worst fools on Erth, But thay ain't."—Georgie, in Chicago Herald.

LAWLESS SPARROWS.

Boarrows seem to be governed by about the same impulses that cause a hungry boy to tiptoe to the pantry and "swipe" a firstful of cookies; that is, they think a thing is right because they want to do it. It is no uncommon thing to see a busy little cock sparrow nop between a horse's hind feet and then dart up and seize a hair of the horse's tail. Unless interrupted the sparrow will pull at that hair until he gets it. Then he will fly away to his nest in triumph. An English writer describes a similar experience with a London sparrow. He says:

"I have received a small story from St. James' Park, which is interesting as - confirmation of the conclusions of schence. My informant was feeding with breadcrumbs a wood pigeon at

too impashunt to wate till he cood signal the hole length of his boddy when he wanted to wag his tale, so he maid it up with his tale that when he wanted it to yag he would shake his right ear, an' when the tale seen it shake it would wag. But as for me. gimme a bull pup with a peddygree." MADE BILL TOO.

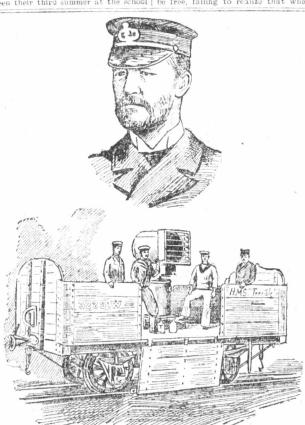
MADE BILL TOO.

A small boy from the slums had been brought into the mission school and for a couple of Sundays he had been instructed in the rudinents. On the third Sunday he brought with him his brother William. To test his memory the teacher began to go over the previous lessons. Who made you? she asked. "God," he replied promptly. "And what else did God make?" The youngster studied for a moment and looked around hopelessly till he noticed his brother, then his face brightened. "He made Bill, too, I guess." he answered triumphantly.

HONEST BOY. "I am glad there are a few honest people left. Two years ago I sent a boy around the corner to buy a postal card. I have never seen the boy to

this day."
"You don't call that boy honest?"
"Yes, sir! This morning I received a postal with this on the back: 'Dear Sir,-Here is your postal. I started in business with the penny you gave me and have prospered. Thanks."





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may open their blue cricket-coat, familiarly known as the "bluer," when they wear it on half holiday afternoon. It is considered "side" for a "non-three-yearer" to enter another boy's house, except on special business in the master's study. A "sidy chap" is universally detested, and every chance is selzed to "take him down a peg." A "sidy chap" is one who "sides," but has no right to do so, being neither a "three-yearer" nor a "cap" or "fez." But when a boy blossoms out into "chokers" and tie pins by virture of having been at Harrow for three years, or athletic excellence, it is no longer considered "side," but as his due Lastly, if a boy change his schoolhouse, before he becomes a "three-yearer," he has to begin his three years all over aggain, starting from the time he enters the new house.—London Telegraph.

they call freedom is the way to destruction. They are ever shirking their obligations, or evading them or breaking them; and in the end they fall to the earth with characters torn and bleeding and blackened and broken. Then there are some who see how these cords of precious influences are real blessings, and they take them and te them to their heart trings, and rejoice to be led by them in the pathway of noble rectitude and integrity, of kindly helpfulness and sweet gentleness, and in the end they develop characters strong and beautiful that grow like unto the likeness of Christ Himself.

Boys and girls, young men and

Himself.

Boys and girls, young men and young women, honor the home ties—
the bonds which hold you in check at school. They mean priceless blessings to your souls.—Angelus.

SMALL SMILES. SMALL SMILLES.
Willie-Pa, what's the meaning of
"fin de siecle"?
Pa-Oh, that's-aw-one of these
water bleycles with fins on it like a
fish. Now, you go to bed."

Teacher—What is a talisman?
Johnny—I guess that's the champeen glant in the museem.

Little Turkey—Mamma, where has papa gone? He seemed so happy because he was being fed so much and so well taken care of.

Mrs. Turkey—Your papa lost his

head, like many others who receive unexpected attention.

Little Elmer-Papa, what is brute Pa-It's something Boston poets call to their aid when they make banner rhyme with hosanna.

A Sure Sign.—"Say, Dick, do you really think Tom is in love with Fannie?"
"Well, it looks like it. He goes to church every Sunday."

Mrs. Benedict—Now, what would you do, Mr. De Batch, if you had a baby that cried for the moon?

De Satch (grimly)—I'd do the next best thing for him, madam; I'd make him see stars!"

"Mille," said her papa, sternly, "I don't think you had any light in the parlor last night when Mr. Snobbs called."
"Oh, yes, indeed there was, papa."
I guess," observed her brother, "that the light was only a little 'spark."

Maiden (who has been reading of the French way of conducting matrimonial alliances)—Mamma, you knew papa quite well before you married him,

lidn't you? Mamma (sadly)—I thought I did. Mamma told her six-year-old daughter that she had two sides to her nature, the right side and the wrong, and cautioned her always to follow the promptings of the right side. "But mamma," the little one replied. "my heart is not on the right side."

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with inflammation at Wesley Hill's for the past week.

Mr. Robert Shaw. B. A., has returned from Toronto University. where he is taking a post graduate course and is spending a few days with friends hereabouts.

Miss Reed. of Guelph, is visiting at Mr. Dan Reed's.
French Bros. are pounding away at the rock at Osborne Smuck's. They are down 24 feet, without water.

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The Chippewa pupils gave a pleasant little programme of songs, dialogues and recitations on Friday evening. A number of ladies dropped in to hear them.

Linday and Myrtle Morrison took in the Christmas tree enterttainment at Carluke on Friday night.

Joint Clark has passed a very good examination at Caledonia Model School. He is now a full-fledged teacher.

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Last week was a red letter week for tea meetings, and socials. The old white church did itself proud on Tuesday evening by holding one of the most enjoyable tea meetings ever held within its ancient walls. Rev. Mr. Hall occupied the chair. Trinity Church choir gave some fine selections, and Dixon Smith sang several pieces very acceptably. Miss Mathieson, of Hamilton, is no ordinary elecutionist. Her pieces were all good and were voted the most entertaining part of the programme. Mr. Kelly gave a serious and instructive address on the "Man of the 20th Century." The receipts totalled up about \$50.

A social for the children was given on Wednesday evening. Misses Ethel and Emma Clark, Winnifred Shaw, Morrison and Bessie Leeming and John Jerome, of Mount Hope, entertained the audience with music. Several local orators made short speeches.

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Gen. Maximo Gomez has assured
Gen. Wood that he will co-operate
with him in obtaining a successful
administration and in preparing Cuba
for independence.

George Jackson, a middle-aged pa-lent at the Toronto asylum, committed suicide this morning by throwing himself under the wheels of a train.

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