

Our Home Circle.

"IF WE KNEW."
If we knew when walking thoughtless
Through the busy, crowded way...

THE DOUBLE PRAYER.

A TRUE INCIDENT.

It was past midnight. Tossing in
the restlessness of pain and fever,
Florence lay on her wretched couch...

This was something beyond the
mother's experience, that water, taken
when craved so earnestly, should dis-

"Mother, I feel better; I would like
a drink."
Too much for the mother's faith, she
replied:

"A drink! You know how even a
swallow distresses you."
"Please give me a drink, mother,"
was the reply.

The glass of cold water was held to
Florence's lips, and eagerly and without
fear she drank freely of its contents...

"When courting slumber
The hours I number,
And sad cares number
My weary mind;

She looked at Florence as she finished
the lines, and the restless eyes were
closed. She was asleep. Not daring
to move, she lay perfectly quiet...

"I was praying, too, mamma," was
the unexpected and most welcome
reply.
"Ah, mother," she added, "why
did you never say those sweet verses to
me before?"

GENEROSITY.

Caly, the eminent artist, one day said
to Lord Shelburne, "My lord, perhaps
you have heard of John Wesley, the
founder of the Methodists..."

THE TWO SAILORS.

A mother on the green hills of Ver-
mont was holding by the right hand a
boy mad with the love of the sea...

"Edward, they tell me—for I never
saw the ocean—that the great tempta-
tion of a seaman's life is drink..."

"When courting slumber
The hours I number,
And sad cares number
My weary mind;

"Well," said he "I was brought into
your presence on shipboard; you were
a passenger; they kicked me aside; you
took me to your berth, and kept me
there until I had slept off my intoxica-

How far the little candle throws its
beams, the mother's words on the green
hills of Vermont! God be thanked for
the mighty power exerted by the utter-

Facts seem to show that the whole
peninsula of Michigan is connected by
underground channels with its surround-

THE "CITY OF LONDON'S" TALL
ICEBERG.

Among the almost countless and
colossal icebergs recently reported by
incoming steamers that encountered by
the "City of London" on the 16th ult.,
"about one thousand five hundred feet
long and three hundred feet high,"

The Gulf stream off the Newfound-
land Banks where this tall iceberg was
observed is too superficial to float it, the
warm current not being more than one
hundred fathoms deep, so that about
three-quarters of its submerged volume
is under the impact of the flow of glacial
water from the polar basin moving un-

OLD MEN'S ENERGY.

Their energy, says the London Spec-
tator, is at least as great as that of the
young. Not to go further back than
the memory of this generation, we have
seen, Kadetsky at eighty-three conquer
Piedmont, and Palmerston at eighty-

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.—A poor little
newsboy while attempting to jump from
a city car, the other afternoon, fell under
the car, and was fearfully mangled...

SENSITIVE PEOPLE.—Sensitive people
seem to enjoy sensitiveness. They are al-
ways on the look out for something to
give them pain. They are much like a
cat would be with a tail forty feet long...

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Our attention has been called to an
event of much interest to the cause of
freedom of opinion, and to the exercise
of a conscientious faith, the rescue from
the grasp of the enemies of toleration
of William of Orange on the morning
of the 12th September, 1572, by the
action of a little dog. The Spanish
army under command of Alva, invading
the Netherlands, and the army of pa-

THE PHILOSOPHY OF WEDDED LIFE.—
"You love me no longer," said a bride of
a few months to her better half in gown
and slippers. "Why do you say that
Puss?" he asked quietly. "You do not
care me nor call me pet names: you no
longer seek so anxiously for my company,"
was the tearful answer. "My dear," con-

Our Young Folks.

SUCH A LITTLE ONE AS I.

MRS. I. V. KENT.

"Suffer little children to come unto me."

1st voice.—Such a little one as I,

2nd voice.—No; for in His word we read

He His little ones will lead.

1st.—I am often naughty, too;

2nd.—Jesus tells us if we pray

He will take our sins away.

1st.—But His throne is up so high,

2nd.—Yet He's never far away

From His children when they pray.

Together.—Let us, then, His word believe,

Nor His gentle Spirit grieve.

Jesus, Master, from above,

Fill our little hearts with love.

—Lesson for Little Folks.

TOMMY'S WISH.

"Tommy, bring me some chips, quick!"
called his sister. "It is nearly time
for the men to come to dinner, and this
hard wood won't burn. Hurry, Tommy,
that's a good boy," and Susie, her face
in a glow, went back into the hot kitchen
to coax that worrying fire again. "I
wish I were a chicken," said Tommy, as
he lazily got up from the wood pile
where he had been sunning himself
through the lovely morning, and reluc-

little pain under their jackets. Don't
I wish I were a chicken! No, won't I
take those old chips in at all," and
Tommy threw down what he had gar-

Then he found a strange thing hap-
pening. He grew smaller and smaller.
His mouth turned into a beak, and feath-
ers came over him. "Poor chick
must have some pepper balls," said a
sympathizing voice and his mouth was
opened wide, and a ball as hot as pepper
could make it forced in, and the
bill closed tightly until the whole was
swallowed. Little chick felt weak and
sick for many days, but its mother ex-

John," said the farmer's hospitable
wife, "the minister is coming to din-
ner; catch me a chicken—that nice,
pretty, yellow-legged rooster will do,
he is plump and tender as a bird; and
poor chick was caught and just in the
act of being sacrificed, when lo and be-

IF YOU PLEASE.—"When the Duke of
Wellington was sick the last thing he
took was a little tea. On his servant's
handing it to him in a saucer, and asking
him if he would have it, the Duke replied,

THE THOUGHTLESSNESS OF YOUTH.—
In general I have no patience with people
who talk about the "thoughtlessness of
youth" indulgently; I had rather hear of
thoughtless old age, and the indulgence
due to that. When a man has done his
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