FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

A Locomotive Fireman's Duties. In Harper's Young People recently of the swiftest of railway express trains.

The following in regard to how much the fireman is expected to do may interest many. His work is next in im-

open the furnace door, and without a fire. He knows how to spill and rarely, if ever, punished. spread it with a dexterous turn of the wrist. Before Albany is reached he acteristic pleased and amused us not a actly where he is along the road, and her to see what she would do with it. instant to vault into his seat when im- mounted Indians. portant curves are reached to watch for signals. He must see that the Albany, "She hasn't varied three Indians. pounds since we left New York." He must watch the water-gauge of the fore a solitary horseman left the band boiler, and is constantly kept changing the pumps and seeing that they do their work properly. All the time he must keep throwing his 44 pounds of coal on the fire every mile. It isn't long before he surprises you with another motion. He throws open the furnace door and thrusts a long, double-pronged fork into the fire. With a twist he prods the glowing mass, and when he pulls his fork out its! teeth are cherry red. Then comes the whir of the shovel again, and the sound

When you approach Montrose, near Peekskill, the engine begins to slow a narrow trough between the rails filled with water. The engine is going to take on water at a flying leap. Tompkins stands at the side of the tender with his hand on a lever. Engineer Foyle suddenly startles you with a shrill whistle between his teeth that would put to shame the warning signal a New York newsboy gives to his flies back, and as you look at the wheels of the tender you see surging up among the trucks a torrent of water.

the larger lumps of coal.

It splashes and roars, and as you wonder if you won't be carried away, two whistles from Foyle, sharper and shriller than the first, warn Tompkir's to pull up the scoop, and that the end. of the water-trough is near. Then Tompkins goes back to his coal, his pumps, his pipe, his water-gauge, his bell, his watch for signals, and you wonder what new work he will do next. Before you are aware of it he touches you upon the knee, and motions for you to raise your feet, while he turns on a hose and wets the floor of the cab to keep down the dust, after which he sweeps up with a stubby broom. Next he is shaking down the like the tiller of a large sailboat. You now begin to take in what it means to be a fireman. Toward the end of the trip you tap his shoulder, and shout to

"This seems to keep you. pretty

"I tell you there is no furny business about this work," is his response.

Great Young Men.

Charles James Fox was in Parliament at 19.

John Bright was never at any school a day after he was 15, years old. Gladstone was in Parliament at 22,

and at 24 was Lord of the Treasury.

Peel was in Parliament at 21, and

Henry Clay was in the Senate of the tion, at 29.

Washington was a colonel in the army at 22, commander of the forces at approached he showed the red light 42, President at 57.

in Congress at 29 and judge of the was required to stop regularly, but as Supreme Court of the United States | it had failed to do so for several nights at 32.

Webster was in college at 15, gave the ablest man in Congress.

Maurice of Saxony died at 32, conceded to have been one of the pro- No. 7." ioundest statesmen and one of the best generals Christendom had seen.

givers of the world. At 46 he saw Waterloo.

The great Louis X. was Pope at 38. he took the office of cardinal at 18, be, of which his mind had been full, only twelve months younger than was had now come to pass. Charles James Fox when he entered Parliament.

William Pitt entered the Ministry at 12, was Chancellor of the Exchequer at 22, Prime Minister at 24, and so continued for twenty years, and when 35 was the most powerful uncrowned the Confederates had broken the Co nead in Europe.

Sioux Families.

A writer in Outing gives an amusthere was an interesting article about | ing account of "Sketching Among the The Flyer," the very swift locomotive | Sioux." He says that the kindness and patience of these people in their domestic relations are very noticeable. The women have certain duties to perform, as among other races; but the men do not disdain to help them on portance to that of the engine driver: occasion any more than does a white At least every 30 seconds he throws man of good disposition.

We never saw, during our whole false motion or slightest delay hurls residence in Sioux villages, a single exactly three shovelfuls of coal on the family quarrel, and the children were

One example to illustrate this charmust throw 6,375 pounds of that coal little. One day Flying-by's wife came into the fire, or nearly 40 pounds a to our tent, and asked us to lend her a minute, or an average of 44 pounds a small hand-mirror which we possessed. mile. Then, too, he must know ex- We gave it to her, and then watched when to drop the shovel and seize the About a mile and a half or two miles bell in passing through all towns and away a horse-race was in progress, villages. He must know the proper watched by three or four hundred

The squaw took the mirror, stood in front of the tent, and reflected a beam steam doesn't vary, and he is proud to of sunlight from the glass along the shout in your ear when you get near ground in line with the group of

> It was only two or three minutes beand came tearing over the prairie toward us. It was Flying-by, who sprang off his horse at our door and looked inquiringly around. His wife had gone back to her cooking, and was apparently quite heedless of his coming.

> To his question whether some one had not sent for him, we could only reply that we had seen his wife playing heliostat with our mirror, whereupon he

went over and spoke to her. In a moment he returned, and with a grin told us that, knowing he had of the hammer as Tompkins breaks up money, his wife had called him home for fear he might be tempted to gamble it away. He chuckled over her prudence, and told us that he might have down. If you look ahead you will see made a lot of money if he had stayed; and not a cross word was spoken.

How to Treat a Cut.

Adhesive plaster ought to be the best procurable, and instead of keeping it in a roll in the drawer it ought to be cut into strips of different breadths. It is thus ready for immediate use, and gambling mates when a policeman together as it does if kept in bulk. there is no chance of its sticking comes in sight. Instantly the lever When it is necessary to use this plaster to keep the edges of the wound together, we must be careful first and foremost to see that the wound is perfectly clean and that no sand, glass or grit is in it, which would cause festering and prevent it from healing. Never cover a wound wholly up with a piece of plaster. Whatever be its size, use long, narrow strips. Warm the plaster by holding the back of it against a can of boiling water for a few seconds, then apply it across the wound, leaving a small space between each strip to give exit to the lymph.

Remember that sticking plaster has no healing action in itself, and the benefits derived from its use are of a purely mechanical anature. Popular Science News concludes this advice on the treatment of cuts by saying that grates with a big steel lever that looks clean cuts are better bound up with a linen rag, for sticking plaster is of no use until the bleeding stops. In case of scalp wounds, the hair must be shaved off before the plaster is applied.

He Could Not Sleep.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, in the course of a long letter about 'old-time telegraphers," relates a peculiar experience which befell Mr. Mr. A. D. Hoover, the day operator at Normandy, Tennesee, during the war, at the time when every northbound train carried numbers of wounded men. One evening Colonel Ketcham, commanding at Normandy, called Hoover's attention to the fact Lord Bacon graduated at Cam- that the northbound train had for sevbridge at 16 and was called to the bar eral nights failed to stop as ordered, and instructed him to see to it that the order was obeyed. Hoover reported Palmerston was Lord of the Admiralty | these instructions to the night operator and went to bed.

But he could not sleep. He was United States, contrary to the constitu- fully persuaded that the train must be stopped, and at last he got up to make sure that it was done. As the train and brought it to a standstill. He ex-Judge Story was at Harvard at 15, plained to the conductor that No. 7

past the lantern had to be used. "That is all right," said the conductevidence of his great future before he or, "but I am not No. 7. The engine was 25, and at 30 he was the peer of of that train gave out at Tullahoma, and my special, full of wounded men, was ordered ahead, carrying the flag of

With that he pulled out of the station with his ten coaches full of Napoleon at 25 commanded the helplessness and suffering. The army of Italy. At 30 he was not only operator watched till the rear red light testimonials and newspaper press one of the most illustrious generals of had disappeared round the curve, the time, but one of the great law when he heard the whistle for brakes. Then there were some dull sounds, and Hoover stood transfixed in the door of the station. He felt that the Having finished his academic training dreadful something, whatever it might Westminster, London, S. W. 14ui

> He hastened up the track and met the conductor coming toward him.

"Come and see what your red light and embroidery except music." saved us from," said the conductor, in

switch lock, turned the rail from the remove even the worst kind.

main track, and fastened a bar of iron across the track with a telegraph wire. "If you had not flagged us," said the conductor, "we should have struck this obstruction at 40 miles an hour;

into that river." Such of the soldiers as were able to walk crowded around the telegrapher, and with tears in their eyes expressed Providence that had saved them.

The Two Pumpkins.

In the middle of the corn field sat two great yellow pumpkins. The corn shocks stood all around; they looked like Indians wrapped in blankets, with feathers on their heads. The Indian summer sun shone warm and bright, and the pumpkins almost smiled as they looked into each other's round, contented faces.

Thanksgiving?" asked the fat, jolly pumpkin.

"In a pie plate," said the big, goodnatured pumpkin. "Oh yes; whoever else is invited, they won't forget me." "I shall be a Jack-o'-lantern," said the jolly pumpkin. "Such fun!"

"I hope you won't make dreadful faces, and scare the little girls," said the big, good-natured pumpkin. "Oh no!" said his jolly friend. "I'll

only wink one eye, and turn up the corners of my mouth in an awful funny smile. How everybody will laugh !" "Just as you like," said the other; 'but I would rather have a warm corner in the oven. The nights are

getting rather chilly now." The pumpkins had their wish. When they were carried into the house, grandma looked at the big one, and given to the campaign funds of the two said, "That will make good pies;" and Tommy hugged the round, fat one all necessary work. Thoroughly with both his short arms, and shouted. united, the next election returns will 'You shall be my Jacky Lantern!"

So while Tommy ate his Thanksgiving dinner the fat, jolly pumpkin peeped in at the window with a candle in his mouth, and smiled so broadly that Tommy smiled too.

"Grandma," he said, "this pie is as good as anything. It tastes 'most just zactly like sunshine !"

"No wonder," said grandma, "after all the nice weather we have had."

A Good Correspondence Plan. [From Harper's Young People.]

Here is a good suggestion for the girls. It relates to an ingenious scheme devised by a class of young ladies at school together a few years ago. One of them, an English girl, thus explains it:

"There were nine of us in the class, and we were all promising to write to each other continually, but in our hearts we knew that such a correspondence could never be kept up. Finally one of the girls suggested a circulating letter, and the idea pleased

"At the expiration of one month from the time we parted, the first gir wrote a letter telling what she had been doing and everything about herself which would be likely to interest the others. This letter was sent to the second girl, who, after reading it, wrote her own letter, and sent the two to the

"The third, fourth fifth and all the others in turn added their letters, until the ninth on the list sent them all to the first. Then the circuit was complete, and we had the circulating letters fairly under way.

"Now, of course, the envelope always contains nine letters, and each girl when it comes to her takes out her own letter, writes a new one telling what she had been doing in the meantime, and starts it on its travels again.

"You can have no idea how interesting it is to receive the letters, and how anxiously we all await their arrival when our turn comes. We have kept it up nearly four years, and each time the letters come round the pleasure of reading what all the girls have to say seems to increase.'

"IT IS A GREAT PUBLIC BENEFIT."-These significant words were used in relation to Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil by a gentleman who had thoroughly tested its merits in his own case-having been cured by it of lameness of the knee, of three or four years' standing. It never fails to remove soreness as well as lameness, and is an incomparable pulmonic and corrective.

Clara-Aren't you engaged to Jack? Prunella-No. You see, I wanted to be different from all other girls."

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AN EXCEPTION .- A young lady advertising for a situation announces "that she can do all kinds of sewing [From the Indianapolis Journal.

"Organize at Once."

It seems but good generalship to keep well informed in what the enemy is doing, but with a view of defensive and the whole train, with these 300 and offensive operations, the Advohelpless men, would have gone down cate, now recognized as the organ of the liquor interests of Ontario, sets out, in last week's issue, what is the work now before those interested in their gratitude; but Hower insisted the liquor trade of this Province, either that it was not he but an overruling as manufacturers, importers or sellers. The heading of its article is to the point—"Organize at Once."

It sets out by remarking that though the leader of the Ontario Government is pledged to the prohibitionists and the leader of the Opposition being held in reversion, yet their case is not hopeless. "Surely right and justice will rise above mere political expediency."

Here is the plan of campaign now proposed which may be well to make "Where are you going to spend note of: "Organize against the politician. Establish liberty clubs in every constituency. Take in them every opponent of prohibition. Then when a candidate runs who favors prohibition throw the whole strength of the organization against him. Kıll him. Never mind whether he is a Conservative, Reformer or mixed breed, give him the knife right up to the hilt. The representation of one-half of the constituencies in Ontario can be changed at this year's elections by such an organization. A majority in the Legislature against prohibition is the guarantee of safety."

It goes on to say, "And work should be commenced at once. This week should not go by, this week will not go by, we may say, without a start being made. The contributions formerly tell a story that will make the plebis-

cite crawl under the barn." These hints are of a decidedly practical character and pretty plainly indicate the line of action that the iquor interests will pursue at the coming elections. Independent political action, or action independent of political parties, is the watch word. Support the right kind of men. Knife up to the hilt any candidate favorable to prohibition, no matter what party may nominate him. Throw your whole strength for any man of any party who don't believe in prohibition. Temperance people can thus well see what moment's thought, "Oh dear, what a will be the line of attack and may memory you have got!" govern themselves accordingly.

Promptness of action is also urged. which is a very sensible thing. "This week should not go by" without taking right hold. The mistake of temperance people has often been to wait until it is too late-to allow doubtful men to go on with their canvass until people's minds have been pretty well made up -and then not much can be done. Thorough organization is needed and at once, and then men should be deeided on for support who may honestly be beings. depended on; not some of that slippery, soapy class for whom good men too often good naturedly vote and afterward have reason to regret what they have done.

The Advocate is not among those who affect to believe that Sir Oliver did not mean just what he said to the recent temperance delegation in Toronto. It goes on to inform the liquor dealers that "We believe Sir Oliver intends to carry out his part of the agreement, and we are perfectly satisfied that he will in the coming elections get nine-tenths of the temperance vote. True, he may hope that the courts will decide against him, but otherwise he will introduce a prohibition bill just as sure as the courts give a decision." It goes on then to look the situation squarely in the face: "Where then does the liquor interest come in? By his deal with the liquor prohibitionists, Sir Oliver deliberately threw it overboard. He had many true and faithful followers among the antis, but he did not hesitate to sacrifice them for what he considered the solid vote of the other side."

Even things look gloomy with the Opposition to the Advocate. Mr. Marter has come out straight against license system and Mr. Meredith is not to be depended on. The only safe course under the circumstances, it thinks, is to support an anti wherever he may be found and knife a prohibitionist no matter what party may nominate him.

Hunting Item. (From Texas Siftings.)

Hunter-Well, farmer, you told us your place was a good place for hunting; now we have tramped it for three hours and found no game. Farmer—Just so. I calculate, as a

general thing, the less game there is the more hunting you have, and I don't see what you are kicking about.

SATISFYING HIM.—"I have called." said the captious critic, "to find out what reason you can give for representing the new year as a nude small "That is done," responded the art

editor, "because the year does not get its close till Dec. 31." Then the captious critic went out and broke his nice new pledge.-

Pale sickly children should use

pelled from the system.

Just for Fun.

"Mamma," said Mabel, "if people eat up all the toadstools, what will the toads do when they want to sit down?" -[Truth:

BRIC-A-BRAC.—A reporter, describing a collection of bric-a-brac, says: "The visitor's eye will be struck on entering the room with a porcelain umbrella.'

Louisa (at the banjo)—Is there anything I can play for you, Mr. Living-

Livingston (sarcastically) - That's what I have been trying to find out. Is there?

Mrs. Comehome-You say you are

good washer and ironer; how do you tell when the irons are too hot? Servant (looking for a place)—How By smelling the burning linen, mum, of

"I say," said the regular customer, as he stopped at the restaurant cashier's box to pay for the dinner he had had, "where did you get that beef you are serving to day?"

"What's the matter with it," aggressively asked the cashier, who scented another row. "Oh, there's nothing the matter with

it; that's why I asked." ADMIRABLE SERVANT GIRL.—"How

does your new girl like it with you?" asked the caller, "She seems to be contented."

"Does she do the work well?" "No; but she doesn't find fault with the way I do it."

WHERE BEST BRAINS FAIL. -"There are times," said the man with the oratorical manner, "when we are overwhelmed with humiliation at the powerlessness of the human mind." "That's very true," was the reply.

'I am often made to feel so." "Indeed?" "Yes, I have a four-year-old daugh-

ter who asks questions.'

SURPRISED.—A school teacher, who had been telling the story of David, ended with "And all this happened over 3,000 years ago."

A little cherub, its blue eyes opening wide with wonder, said, after a

"Now listen, Freddie, the doctor said that it was that little bit of candy you ate last night that made you sick." "Well, you know how I asked you over

and over to give me a whole lot." "And so, Peter, you spell 'women' with an 'a'?" said the teacher, correcting an exercise. "Please, sir," was the reply, "my papa told mamma only yesterday that women were singular

MISPLACED CRITICISM.—Critic—I tell you what it is, Mr. McDaub, those ostriches are simply superb, You shouldn't paint anything but birds. Artist (disgustedly)—Those are not

ostriches. They are angels! To BE THOUGHT OF .- Watts-I don't believe Jonah was swallowed by a whale. A whale's throat is too narrow for any such performance.

Potts-But think how small the man must have felt when he realized that he was the original Jonah.

Maude—Our engagement is a secret. Lena-So everybody tells me.

Visitor-What makes your father look so melancholy? Small Boy-'Cause ma told him he's

got to go to our church fair to-night. "But evil is wrought by want of

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Quizzical Great Men.

Daniel Webster was one of the great men who like to make remarks of a character intended to puzzle simple minds. Stopping one day at a country inn to dinner on his way to Marshfield, he was asked by the hostess if he usually had a good appetite.

"Madam," answered Webster, "I sometimes eat more than I do at other times, but never less."

The inhabitants of the village where this profound Hibernicism was uttered have probably been at work ever since trying to comprehend its exact pur-

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is said to have brought about a great overwhelm ing of Bibles and concordances by remarking, at several hotel and boarding-house tables where he had taken a chance and indifferent meal, that "we should eat what is set before us with fear and trembling, for conscience' sake;" and many persons were, no doubt, greatly delighted to learn that that they had caught a great divine in a misquotation of Scripture.

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