

able words or blows. Some who could appreciate the sports of boyhood, wrote the following:—  
 thing equals a boy, except a girl. The frolics, the harum, scatum, high-glee times of boyhood, but they were. Perhaps you never broke steers' colts—never slid down hill, over fences, across ice on the meadow—never skated among the trees on the ten-acre pond, on a clear winter night? If you never have, you never was a boy. How many years does a man have to live to, up as much happiness as jumps out of a boy's single old-fashioned, gingerbread, molasses-cake wrestling, bat-and-ball playing, town-meeting day?"

**AN APPEAL TO THE YOUNG.**—A young man has lately been convicted in Virginia of robbing the mail, and has been sentenced to the penitentiary. —There is an affecting and melancholy incident connected with this young man's criminal history which goes to exhibit the strength of parental affection. When the father heard that his son had been arrested on charge of robbing the mail, he exclaimed:—

"Have my grey hairs been brought to this?" and then fell.

He was taken to his bed, and died in a few days of a broken heart. If the young would not let the grey hairs of their parents to the grave in sorrow, let them avoid the first enticement of sin. Once in the downward path, they know not where they will stop.

**HOW TO MANAGE.**—Some years since, some Indians, in the neighborhood of Green Bay, came converts to temperance, although previously surpassing fond of the "brain thief." The white men formed the charitable resolution of going to draw them back. Placing a canteen of whiskey in their path, they hid themselves in the bushes to observe the effect. The first Indian cognized his old acquaintance with an "old man" and making a high step, passed on. The second laughed, saying, "Me know you!" The third drew his tomahawk and dashed it in pieces, saying, "Ugh! you conquer me, now I conquer you."

The Pope having ordained that no Catholic male shall marry a Protestant who will not to have his children educated in the faith of the Church of Rome, the King of Prussia has issued a decree that any officer of his army marrying a condition so degrading shall be held unworthy to serve the sovereign of an independent state and dismissed the Prussian service.

The French clergy are now throwing difficulties in the way of mixed marriages between Protestants and Catholics. Most of the priests refuse to pronounce the nuptial benediction on these unless where a formal engagement is taken up by the children in the Romish faith. They are no longer contented with the common compromise according to which boys are educated in the father's and girls in the mother's religion. Since they have never, till very recently, made any change in this direction.

**VITAL POINT OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.**—At a recent sitting of the French Academy of Sciences, it was demonstrated by a learned physician, from the various careful experiments on the brains of animals, that the motive power of the respiratory mechanism, the vital point of the nervous system, is not bigger than the size of a pin's head. Upon this tiny speck depends the life of the animal. A portion of the nervous system remains alive while that which is separated immediately dies. It is a singular fact, that the greatest powers in nature touch the domain of the visible.