Afternoon Tea-

By Mary F. Butts. Put on your bonnet and take your

And come out to the maple tree-I have thimble biscuits, and raspberry shrub, And cookies for afternoon tea. Five guests are invited. I think they

A charming company.

I have asked the Red Squirrel, who chatters and scolds
In the branch of the maple tree; I have asked Sir Robin and his sweet

wife, And his neighbor Chickadee, And Mr. Crow, in his black dress-To come to my afternoon tea.

The tea will be served in acorn cups, Pretty as they can be-A present they were from a dear,

The generous old oak tree; And there are lovely saucers to match My caps of afternoon tea.

-The antlook.

A Family of Twelve. By E. Chamberlain.

The hired man found them while he was mowing the alfalfa field. There was a sudden "whir-r-r" that made him jump, as poor, frightened mother quail flew off her nest; and there among the long green stems lay twelve pretty speckled eggs. Just then the dinner-horn blew, so he put the twelve eggs into his covered tin pail and started briskly to-

wards the mill-house, for he was warm and hungry. As he crossed the treeless fields the sun beat hotly on his old straw he did not drop it, for inside wonderful things were happening, as the hired man discovered when he reach-

Where twelve pretty brown eggs had lain were twelve baby quails, running about among their own eggshells, as lively as crickets and not very much bigger. 'Oh! oh! oh!" cried the two little

girls, their eyes shining with delight, 'let's show them to grandma, quick!" Four little eager hands received the with its scrambling load, and hurried them into the house. "Poor little tots!" said gentle grand-

ma; "what will become of them?"
"Oh, let's keep them, grandma, do!" pleaded two wistful voices. "We can take care of them."

"But they need a feathered mother, dearies," grandma answered. "Tell morsefully. the hired man to catch the old hen whose chicks were killed by a weasel took 'em," echoed little Davy. last night, and perhaps she will adopt

the nen was brought and popped Into the coop, clucking and struggling and running to and fro on her ong, awkward legs. She was absurdly big and very clumsy, and for some minutes appeared to have not the slightest intention of adopting the twelve little waifs huddled cheeping

in a corner. But even a silly old hen will sometimes make the best of things, so it happened that after a little while she settled down, and the poor, cold baby quails crawled under her comfortable wings."

"Now they've got a mother," said the little girls. An hour later grandma heard a wail from the direction of the chickencoop, and hurried to see what was the matter.

She's eating them! Oh! she's eating them!" howled the children, And, sure enough, there in the middle of the coop stood a choking old hen, with two pitiful little quail feet protruding from her ugly yellow bill. Grandma rushed valiantly to the rescue, and the ten survivors were carried into the house in an apron. For two days they lived in an old basket, wrapped in flannel rags, and then one morning Chung, the Chinese cook, appeared with a strange

"Littee quail lakkee mamma. My cousin catchee. Heap nicee quail!" he beamed, handing grandma the queer bundle of feathers and string, which proved to be a tightly bound

hen quail. "Heap nicee mamma!" he repeated. when the cords were loosed and the quail nestled down, spreading her wings for the babies to creep under. And the ten little orphans pressing in among the soft feathers thought so, too.
"Horrid old hen!" said the two little girls. "They've got a real mamma now."—The Outlook.

A Partnership.

Danny and Davy were partners. Their stock in trade was a fine lot of sound, sweet hickory nuts, and big rough butternuts, and they had such fun gathering them! Now they

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pelted the trees in the wood-lot, and what a shower of nuts came rattling down, like the most delightful kind of a hail-storm!

Then they carried them home in pags, and spread them out to dry on the floor of the wood-house chamber. This was a large, unplastered room, with rafters running across the roof and beams along the walls. Danny and Davy loved to play there on rainy days, because there was noth-

ing in it that could be soiled or spoiled or broken. When all the nuts were spread, the two little fellows sat down on the door-step, and agreed together how they would sell them and what they would get with the money. Dear me, how many things these small partners planned to buy, as if there was no end to their fortune.

"And we won't eat another nut!" said Danny, resolutely. "We'll keep "Not one single 'nother nut!" said little Davy, screwing up his mouth tight, by way of showing that no nuts could make their way in there. But a few days after this two very excited boys came running to mamma, each one with his nice little face

quite spoiled by a little wrinkly "Mamma!" cried Danny; "Davy is eating up all our nuts!" "Haven't eaten a single 'nother one!" said Davy, indignantly. "It's Danny, his own self!" Mamma looked from one troubled out honest little face to the other.

"You must not quarrel about this," she said. "I do not believe that either of you have taken the nuts; but we shall soon find out the thief, whoever And sure enough, just while she was speaking they heard a noise like a rolling nut in the wood-house

chamber. The children's eyes grew very large and round. Then they pulled off their shoes and crept noiseessly to the wood-house stairs. Mamma followed them very softly. They stopped half-way up the stairs and peeped through the railing. Strange to say, there was nobody

"Why, mamma, how funny!" began hat, and the pail grew almost too little Davy; but "Hush!" whispered warm to hold. But it was lucky that mamma, with a smile. She pointed to a heap of hickory nuts, and there, with his tail curled saucily over his back, and with one ed the veranda, and uncovered his nut in his small, furry paw, sat the drollest little red squirrel, taking his breakfast as comfortably as if he had been invited by the little partners themselves

> took another and stuffed it into his mouth, and with a whisk and a frisk ran up on a beam, capered across the rafters, jumped on the window-sill, and with a long, light spring bounded into the great apple-tree outside. "So you are the thief, Mr. Squirrel!" said Danny. "Well, I think you have laid up enough nuts for winter,

When he had finished this nut he

and now I am going to shut the window and keep you out." "Say, Davy, I'm awful sorry I said you took those nuts," he said, re-"Never say such things again when

And the little boys thought they would .- From The Youth's Companion.

mamma

He Whistled as He Went. le went so blithely on the way Which people call the Road of Life, That good folks who had stopped to Shaking their heads, would look, and

It was not right to be so gay Upon that weary road of strife!

He whistled as he went, and still He bore the young where streams were deep And helped the feeble up the hill. He seemed to go with heart a-thrill. Careless of deed, and wild of will-He whistled that he might not weep. -Dallett Luguet.

The True Shepherd.

was wandering and weary. When my Savior came unto me; For the ways of sin grew dreary, And the world had ceased to woo And I thought I heard Him say, As He came along His way, O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me,

I am the Shepherd true. At first I would not hearken, And put off till tomorrow; But life began to darken, And I was sick with sorrow; And I thought I heard him say, As He came along His way, O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me,

I am the Shepherd true. At last I stopped to listen, His voice could not deceive me, saw His kind eye glisten, So anxious to relieve me; And I thought I heard Him say, As He came along His way, O silly souls! come near Me,

My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true. He took me on His shoulder, And tenderly He kissed me, He bade my love be bolder, And said how He had missed me; And I'm sure I heard him say. As He went along His way,

O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true. Strange gladness seemed to move

Whenever I did better, And he coaxed me so to love Him, As if He was my debtor; And I always heard Him say,

As He went along His way, O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true.

thought His love would weaken, As more and more He knew me, But it burneth like a beacon, And its light and heat go through And I ever hear Him say,

As He goes along His way, O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true.

Let us do, then, dearest brothers, What will best and longest please Follow not the ways of others, But trust ourselves to Jesus; We shall ever hear Him say,

As He goes along His way, O silly souls! come near Me, My sheep should never fear Me, I am the Shepherd true. -F. W. Faber.

The Queen's Career.

Meets the Ministers-How Three Boys Saw the Procession.

(From The Outlook.) This is certainly a time for men of all parties to sink their differences and try to unite on a common ground that any attempt to give a partisan character to the agitation that has tion in which England has been placed by recent events in the East. Innever taken any steps to put an end to it. When Bright and Cobden pro-tested against the wickedness and folly of the Crimean war, undertaken

Europe, they were sneered at and Tories, and were promptly turned out righteous indignation of all who put royal estates. their Christianity before their politics in 1878, and the Liberal party, then under the inspiring influence of Mr. Gladstone, became converted to the views of Bright and Cobden as to the iniquity of upholding the Turkish system. The Tories still stuck to the absurd idea that Constantinople was the key to India, and to the equally absurd idea that Turkish

rule could be reformed. Hence they upset the arangement of the San Stephano treaty, by which Turkey assented to the occupation of Armenia by Russian troops until the reforms in that unhappy country were carried out. The Liberals, however, although they have three times been in office since the Tories made that fatal mistake. have not done anything to cor-rect it. Mr. Gladstone, it is true, took vigorous action soon after his accession to power in 1880 to force Turkey to carry out the stipulation of the Berlin treaty relating to the cession of Turkish territory to Greece. He sent the fleet to Smyrna with instruction to the admiral, not to bombard the place, vut to collect the customs dues. He brought the Sultan to his knees by threatening his pocket. It was after Mr. Gladstone's retirement-a retire-"And I'm drefful sorry I said you ment forced upon him by the jingoes you are not sure they are true," said arose. This was during the Premie ship of Lord Rosebery, who lost the great opportunity which Mr. Glad-stone's cultivation of friendship with Russia offered for coming to an hon-

orable arrangement with the Govern-

ment of the Czar for protecting the

lives and property of the Armenians. QUEEN AT 5 O'CLOCK A.M. On Tuesday, June 20, 1837, King William IV. died at Windsor Castle and the Princess Victoria became Queen of England. "The death of the King of England has everywhere caused the greatest sensation. Cousin Victoria is said to have shown astonishing self-possession; she undertakes a heavy responsibility, especially at the present moment, when parties are so excited, and all rest their hopes on her." These words are from a letter written by Prince Alpert of Coburg to his father, and there is little doubt that at that time Prince Albert himself was one of the nost ardent of those who rested their hopes on "Cousin Victoria," and he at least was not disappointed. Miss Wynne has given a pretty description of the manner in which the young sovereign received the news of her accession to the throne. The Archpishop of Canterbury, Dr. Howley, and the Lord Chamberlain, the Marquis of Conyngham, left Windsor for Kensngton Palace, where the Princess Victoria had been residing, to inform her of the King's death. It was two hours after midnight when they started, and they did not reach Kensington until 5 o'clock in the morning. "They knocked, they rang, they thumped for a considerable time before they could rouse the porter at the gate; they were again kept waiting in the courtyard, then turned into one of the lower rooms, where they seemed forgotten to everybody. They rang the bell, and desired that the attendant of the Princess Victoria might be sent to inform her Royal Highness that they requested an audience on business of importance. After another delay, and another ringing to inquire the cause, the attendant was summoned, who stated that the Princess was in such a sweet sleep that she could not venture to disturb her. Then they said, "We are come on business of state to the Queen, and even her sleep must give way to that." It did; and to prove that she did not keep them waiting, in a few minutes she came into the room in a oose white night-gown and shawl, her nightcap thrown off, and her hair

falling upon her shoulders, her feet in slippers, tears in her eyes, but perfectly collected and dignified HOW MELBOURNE TRIED "RUSH" THE QUEEN. From the very first the young Queen seems to have acted in a queenly way, and to have held the reins of State with ease. She soon jumped on the idea that she was to be a pretty girlish figurehead to the Ship of State. as Melbourne soon found out. One Sunday, soon after her accession, she was at Windsor with her mother, when Melbourne arrived. He informed the Queen that he would have to return early next morning before she was about, and he would be glad if she would sign a document before she retired. "Your Majesty need not scruple to sign it, as it is not a document supreme importance." The teller of this story says: "The Queen turned on him with great dignity in her ook, and her girlish tones sounded quite austere as she said, 'My lord, you appear to have mistaken character. It is to me a matter of supreme importance whether or not I attach my signature to a document with which I am not thoroughly satisfied. I shall sign nothing that I do not read. What hour in the morning did you think of leaving us?" About six,' was the reply of the abashed statesman. 'Give me document,' said the Queen, I will look through it, and will meet you at six tomorrow morning to sign it if I ap-

Longest Reign on Record - How Princess Victoria Came to be Sovereign-An Early Morning Surprise - The Queen, in Her Night Gown,

document she was to sign must be HOW THREE BOYS SAW THE

A delightful story in connection of action to put a stop to the system | with the coronation ceremony is told of action to put a stop to the system of government by assassination carried on by Abdul Hamid and his Pashas. We are glad to find, therefore, about to alight at the abbey amidst thunder of guns and blare of trumpets she burst into hearty laughter. At once all heads were turned in the dibeen organized throughout the coun- rection in which the Queen was looktry against the Sultan and his hor- ing, and the laughter became generrors is being strongly deprecated. The al. The cause of it was three tiny Liberal party is quite as responsible of vantage under one of the Life street urchins, who had sought a post as the Tories for the humiliating posi- Guard's black chargers, and from between its hind legs three droll, dirty little heads were seen peeping out, two below, and one—the tallest dividual Liberals have from time to time denounced the Anglo-Turkish alliance, but the Liberal party have the the Liberal party have the that they are a facilities. "See that they are safe," said her Majesty, "and let me know them later." This was done, and after the ceremony was over, the urchins to preserve the Turkish empire in were remembered, to their great benefit, for the Queen, finding that they jeered at by Liberals as well as rangements for their care and educaof Parliament by their constituents. her in the navy, while the other held a responsible position on one of the SOME GREAT NAMES.

It is impossible in so small a space to give any adequate idea of the details of the Queen's extraordinary reign. And besides, has not Justin McCarthy told them in his delightful "History of Our Own Times"? And, by the way, he will shortly write an additional chapter to it, bringing it up to date. This he hopes to have ready by the time the Queen completes her 60 years of rule. The literature and the physical and social science of the reign will leave their mark on all time, for they have made for the "Ascent of Man." In literature the early part of the reign was very Of historians there were Grote, Macaulay, and Carlyle; of thinkers, Mill, Harriet Martineau. Whately, Whewell, and Mary Somerville; of poets, Tennyson, Browning, and Swinburne, Mrs. Browning, Mat-thew Arnold, and Tom Hood, and Ruskin, both thinker and poet; of novelists, Dickens, Thackeray, Charlotte Bronte, Mrs. Gaskell, Lord Lytton, Kingsley, and Lever. Later on came Lewes, Froude, Buckle, Freeman, Lecky, and Green; George Eliot, Trollope, Reade, Meredith, and Hardy; Morris, Rossetti, and Jean Ingelow. of his own Cabinet—that the crisis McCarthy, "the advance made during "In practical science," says Justin created by the Armenian massacres the reign of Queen Victoria has been greater in many ways than the advance made from the beginning of civilization to that time. Sir Robert Peel traveled from Rome to London to assume office as Prime Minister exactly as Constantine traveled from York to Rome to become Emperor. Each traveler had all that sails and horses could do for him and no more. A few years later Peel might have eached London from Rome in some 48 hours. And something of the same kind may be said for economical, political, and what is now called social science. The whole of that system of legislative reform which is founded n a recognition of the principles of humanity may be said to belong to our new times." In time to come perhaps the Queen's reign will stand out most markedly for the wonderful discoveries of physical science which have been such beneficent messengers. For among those who have trodden during the last sixty years the pathways of the mysteries of the ave been Brewster, Faraday, Herschel, Owen, Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall Spencer, and Max Muller. These men have all combined to make one of the sturdiest periods in human history, and she who was once the Queen survives them nearly all. Mr Villiers, the Father of the House of Commons, is the only man who can claim to have sat in the first as well as in the present Parliament of the Queen. Mr. Gladstone sat in her first

Parliament, but unfortunately retired before the present Administration came in. There are many items in the pension list which one might well criticise; but coming as she did so soon after the Georges, English people have at least something for which to be grateful in their Queen, for, as Tennyson wished, they can say of her-

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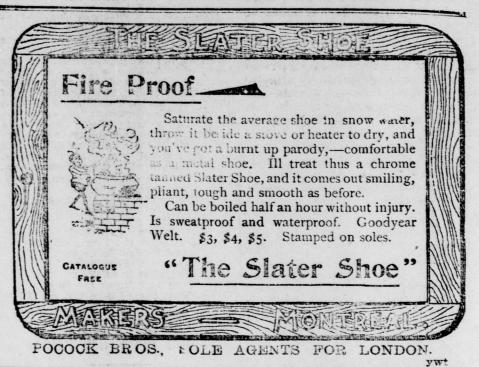
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