## YOUTHS DEPARTMENT.

THE LITTLE FOOT-PAGE. The little page, Raiph, lay under a tree, Gazing up into the sky, A very hitch little foot-page was he; His hair was yellow as it could be, And blue was his sparkling eye.

His little round cap was as red as a rose;
His doublet was bottle-green.
Silken and soft were his crimson hose;
His queer little shoes turned up at the toes;
And his cloak had a velvet sheen.

He mused as he lay there: "My lord, the king, I heard the herald proclaim, Has lost the stone from his signet-ring; And whosover the stone will bring. Whatever his state, or name,

oshall have, henceforth, at his command Jewels and raiment fine. His name shall be homored in all the land; His home, a palace superbly grand, These sylendors shall all be mine.

o The other foot-page is so dull, and so slow— oh, Rodna's a dreadful dunce!— He never will find the stone, I know; Bless me! he doesn't know where to go, I'll hie me away at once.

"Pil go where the king sat yesternight
To hear the ministrel sing;
For the ground is strewn with violets white,
And he chapped his hands with all his might;
And there shall I find the ring.

"Then the herald will lead me away by the hand And cry in his loudest voice: "Here is the brightest foot-page in the land! If sthetreasure and palace grand! In him doth the king rejoice."

"My life will be joyous and free from care, For of course I shall find the stone; And far away in the future fair, Perhaps I shall wed the Princess Claire—And even come to the throne."

So musing and planning, the page lay there, Gazing up into the sky; Building such wonderful eastles in air, They far exceeded the palace fair— And the midday hour drew nigh.

Then gaily the little foot-page uprose,
And took his way to the town;
Skipping along on his queer little toes
And saying, 'Perhaps before night—who
knows?— In my palace I'll lay me down.

But alas, and das, for the day-dreams bright! Alas, for the patiese fair! Whe entered the town, with a footstep light, He beheld a nest hewidering sight: The bentiful Princess Claire,

Was leading a little foot-page by the hand;
While the herald, with loudest voice,
Cred, "Here is the brightest foot-page in the
land!

land! His are the treasure and paince, grand! In him doth the king rejoice. "And the king, my master, doth bid me say

To each and every one, (Go do he yourself in your best array, For the finest feast will be given to-day Tart ever was under the sith.) Then the other foot-page went home alone,

Sall wand wiser he, An bonned are holiday dress with a groun, For R dream desought and found the stone, White L don hay under the tree.

L. & oher M. S. Alcora in St. Nicholas.

WHEN STAGARA RAN DRY. It seems almost incredible that at one time in a sustery the greatest and most wand give waterfair in the world actually randry. Neverthless, it is an established fact that this occurred on March 29, 1848, and for a few hours scarcely any water passed over the Niagara Falls. The winter of that year had been an exceptionally severe one, and ice of unusual thickness had formed on Lake Erie. The warm spring rains loosened this congealed mass, and on the day in question a brisk east wind drove the ice far up into the lakes. About sunset the wind suddenly vecred round and blew a heavy gale from the west. This naturally turned the ice in its course, and, bringing it down to the mouth of the Niagara river, piled it up in a solid, impenetrable mass. So closely was it packed and so great was its force that in a short time the outlet to the lake was completely choked up, and little or no water could possibly escape. In a very short space of time the water below this frozen barrier passed over the talls, and the next morning the people residing in the neighborhood were treated to a most extraordinary spectacle. caring, tumbling rapid Falls were almost obliterated, and nothing but the cold black rocks were visible in all directions. This news quickly spread, and crowds of speciators flocked to view the scene, the banks on each side of the river being lined with people during the whole day. At last there came a break in the ice; it was released from its restraint; the pent up wall of water rushed downward, and Niagara was itself again.

THE PARADISE FISH. The paradise fish, like the German canary, is a product of cultivation, as there is no place known where it is found in a wild state. It is a native of China. There they are cultivated and kept in aquaria as ornamental fish only. The male is the larger of the two sexes, measuring, when tu'l grown, from the mouth to the end of the caudal fin, three and a half inches. The body is shaped very much ake that of the pumpkin seed surlish. Its colors surpass in brilliancy any lish benefotore cultivated for the acquarium. The head is as hygray, mottled with arceadar dark spots. The gills are azume blue, bordered with brilliant crimson. The eyes are yellow and red, with a black pupil. The sides of the body and the croscent shaped candal fin are deep crimson; the former having ten or twelve vertical blue stripes, while the latter is bor level with blue. The under surface of the body is continually changing color-sometimes it is white, at others gray or black. The dorsal and anal fins are remarkably large, hence the generic name of the lish-macro, large; podus, the foot or fin, Both fins are shaped alike. They are striped and dotted with brown and bordered with blue. The dull colored ventral fins are prefected by a brillant searlet-colored spane, extending three fourths of an inch behind the fins. The pectorals, situated directly above the ventral fins, are well shaped, but being transparent, show no color-

### A WISE SEAL.

Some time ago some fishermen in the neighborhood of Los Angelos captured a baby seal which has proved to be a most intelligent little fellow, consequently a prime favorite with all who have seen him. He was christened Dick by his captors. After being confined for three or four weeks in order to get him acquainted with his new quarters, he was set free, and immediately made a dash for deep water, into which he disappeared in a twinkling. It was thought this was the last of Dick, who, finding himself with the last of Dick, who, finding himself with the wild herd, would prefer their company to solitary confinement. Surprising to relate, however, in less than half an hour he came paddling up alongside the pier under the fishermen's poles and poking his head above water, began

to cry and beg most piteously for lish, of which he was furnished a bountiful supply. From that time he has gamboled in the deep water from sunrise to sunset, appearing at intervals for his population. appearing at intervals for his accustomed food. Not long since the fishermen coaxed him out with them about four or was anchored, Dick climbed in and deposited himself on a seat in the stern. One of the men threw a small live fish overboard, and his sealship immediately jumped in, and capturing it, again took in exactly the same way as berein indihis position in the boat. This little diver- cated for cooking haricot beans. sion was repeated several times during the day, and Dick seemed to enjoy it equally as well as his biped companions. A steam tug is anchored outside of the pier every night, and has been selected

## HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

until morning.

as a lodging-place by this precocious animal, for at sandown each day he

siwms out to it, and crawling up on deck,

comfortably disposes himself and sleeps

#### A HINT FOR MONTREAL.

Here, oh wretched, he draggled sisters. is something that may serve you in bad weather; it is no harder to put on than the average macintosh. Make it of light weight waterproof stuff, the kind with it on like any skirt, only under your dress skirt and your long petticent. Having secured the band under these skirts, the piest of the lot, rubber skirt hangs over much longer than anything else you wear. Turn the surplus up. The edge is finished with another band. Fasten this band around your waist outside all your other skirts. See? Your dress skirt and long petticoats are, as it were, in a bag. A waterproof bag, too. I don't pretend that the arrangement is beautiful or graceful, but what rainy-day get up is? I don't say for it that it isn't clumsy. But what rainy-day rig isn't? But, oh my sisters! It keeps your dresses dry; and by having the rubber bag-skirt made of a rainy-day length, the skirts are thereby shortened, and shoes and stocking are omewhat relieved from the swish-swosh of sloppy cloth. I ought to have my name printed in letters of go'd, I know.—

#### HOW TO TELL GOOD BANANAS.

D. B. Welsh, the steward of the steamer Savannah, says: Not one fruit buyer been adopted in order to prevent the dein a hundred, unlesss he has been brought hay of the occupant while going through up in the far South, knows how to select | crowded streets, as the new headgear wil bananas when perchasing them by the be a signal which will demand and obtain bunch. It's a very sample thing. Look the right of way at all times, at the thick end of the branch on which the bananas hang. If it is green the bananas will tipen slowly and Jusciously and will be of good flavor. If the end of the branch is black the bananas them-selves will blacken after a day or two. and will ripen too fast and rot. Even it they are plucked the day after they are bought, and eaten, they will be mushy and the flavor will not be good.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

#### WORTH KNOWING.

If your green shutters are taded and weather beaten, clean them free of dust. and, when they are quite dry, go over them with warmed linseed oil jut on with a paint brush.

## THE KITCHEN.

### POETICAL COOKERY.

It seems the Liverpool School of Cookey impresses its teachings on the minds of its pupils by keeping a poet, like the large advertising houses, and causing to popular melodies. Here is a specimen, | ments popular at that time. though the particular time to which it is to be sung is not named;

### BEEF STEAK PUDDING.

If you'd know the way to do it, listen unto me, Line your bowl with paste of suct rolled out carefully. Best your steak until its tender, with a rolling

pin; Cut It up in pieces slender, daintily put in; Larks and kidneys in addition, pack with art

discreet;
Mushrooms too, (a slight suspicion) make the thing complete.
Cover with a crust, O Cave, see 'dis not too thin;
Press the edges so that gravy may be well

In a cloth then defily tie it, boil four hours, when you come to taste and try it you will ask for more.

### HARICOT BEANS.

Put a quart of white haricot beans in denty of cold water in a pan in order hat they may soak through the night; he next day drain off the water in which they have soaked, and put them in a pot with three quarts of cold water, a little grease or butter, some pepper and salt, and set them on fire to boil very gently until they are thoroughly done; this will take about two hours' gentle boiling: drained free from excess of moisture, and put into a saucepan with chopped pars-ley, buffer, peopler and salt; stir the whole carefully on the five for five minwhole carefully on the fire for five minwithout meat as may best suit your

### ANOTHER WAY.

When the haricot bears have been oiled, chop fine a couple of onions, and fry them in a saucepan with a bit of butter, then add the burieot beans, pepper and salt; stir all together and serve them out to your family.

A SALAD OF HARICOT BEANS. Well-hoiled haricot beans, cold, are nade into an excellent salad, as follows -Put the haricot beans into a bowl, sea-

Lentils are a species of vetches much in use in France as a staple article of food in the winter; there are two sorts five miles off shore, and when the hoat those denominated "a la reine," a small brown flat-looking seed, while the other sort is somewhat larger-of the size of small peas, and flat; both sorts are equally nutritious, and are to be treated

#### The Bonapartes.

It is noteworthy how the Bompartes have passed away. It seems as if the tinger of fate were in it. The first and greatest, the founder of the legend, perished of grief quite as much as of dropsy, on the island-rock of St. Helena. His son died of consumption in his youth at Schoenbrunn, near Vieuna. Lucien Bonaparte was carried off by cancer of the stomach in Viterbo. His sister Eliza, the Semiramis of Lucea, succumbed to a nervous fever at forty-three in the edat of her beauty. Louis Bona-parte was smitten by a poplexy after his son was imprisoned at Ham. Pauline Borghese gave way to langour at Flor ence. Napoleon III. expired in agony of weight waterproof stuff, the kind with a prinful ailment at Chislehurst, and the silk or cloth finish. It is a skirt. Put a prinful ailment at Chislehurst, and the it at like any skirt, only under your dess. Prince Imperial fell before the assegnis

#### To Injure Catholic Rights.

Toroxto, April 10.—In the Legislature vesterday notice was given by Mr. Campbell, Equal Rights member for East Durham, of a series of resolutions asking that an address be presented by the Legislative Assembly to the Queen praying for legislation by the Imperial Parliament to so amend the British North America Act as to give the Legislatures of Ontario and Quebec the right to deal in any way they please with the subject of education. The resolutions cannot come up for discussion before Wednesday of next week.

#### WIII All Be in a Hurry.

BERLIN, April 9.-The city will soon witness the universal adoption of a white hat for the conchinen who drive the carriages of doctors. This fashion has

#### Same Famous Harps.

For years controversy was rife concerning the age of a celebrated harp now in Trinity College, Dublin. The result of much speculation and correspondence places its date in the fourteenth century. with a margin of a few loose years before or after, all of which is quite satisfactory to people in general. There is a cast of this autique instrument in the South Kensington Museum. Next on the list of honorable years

given to sweet and tender service may be seen, in the Highlands of Scotland, the Clareach Lumanach, also called Lamont's Clarshoe. This venerable harp was included in the belongings of a lady of the Lamont family, who took it from Argyleshire about the middle of the fifteenth century, on her marriage into the old Perthshire family of Robertson

This Lamont Clarshoe is described as having thirty strings, tuned singly, "but him to write the various recipes in such the scale was sometimes doubled in pairs metre as will enable them to be adapted of unisons," like lutes and other instrunents popular at that time.
The Galway harp in Ireland inscribed WANTED,

"Ego sum Regina Cithararum," and dated 1621, is said to have had pairs of strings in the centre only. These were of brass wire, and were played with pointed finger nails. The It dian contemporary "arpa doppia" was entirely upon the duplex principle, but with gut strings, and was played by the fleshy ends of the fingers.

Shall It be Parnell or the Soggarth Aroon who will be Overthrown."

O fear not for Ireland! O fear not, at least, When its simply a choice between Parnell and Priest;
The the former may promise to gain Freedom's boon Yet old Ireland will stand by her Soggarth

How many great favors could Ireland obtain If the faith of St. Patrick she would only disdain : The past proved her faithful. The future will Show that Ireland will stand by her Soggarth Aroon.

She is grateful to Parnell, she honors her son For his services past and his victories won; But the sharp axe of discord his work has now will take about two hours gentle ording; hown, hown, when done, the haricot heans are to be Shill Ireland will stand by her Soggarth drained from from excess of moisture and Aroon.

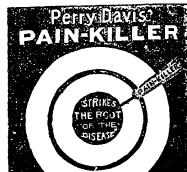
utes, and serve them for dinner with or The Kilkenny election proved amply and That old Ireland stands by her Soggarth 69 Heury Street, - - - - Montreal,

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irregularity, and, it was just here I heard the tale. How my lips must have fell upart, and my eyes widened, when the old man pointed his black there to the side of the road, where lay a tumb'ed up grasstowar where my a turn of appearance eavered rock, and said, "There, Mess, is the Robber's cave, and below is Beasley's Hollow. With almost the dread of "money or your life" being shouted in my car, I stole around to the side. and, dropping on "a'l fours," as hows say, I just permitted my head to venture within. At first all was black, but in a moment I could dis-

#### ROUGHLY HEWN WALLS,

with here and there a niche cut in mine ashion, to hold the candle, whilst the robber counted his spoils. In one corner I espied an opening, as if into Hades itself, and I presume it must have gone m branching into many similar caves, adging from the external dimensions, out my woman's nerves did not balance ny woman's curiosity. In Killdurn histle lived the last representative of an old Circassian family, in the person of Katrine, great grand niece of Schamyl, and wife of Charles Killdurn, owner of this immense estate. They had a family of grown up sons and daughters who never knew that the wild luxuriant beauty of the mother they were so proud of, was paid for in solid gold, saving her from one of the curses of the East to become a Canadian's honourable wife. Frequently there came pitiful tales to the Cast'e from the Valley people, of their hard wrought savings being robbed by strange men with black beards, which always occurred in the narrow pass laading down to Beasley's Hollow. Time and again Squire Killdurn had organized little squads of men, his own three sons placed at the head, but as is invariably the case with cowardly thieves, they were never to be met when equally matched. The only redress gained was the usual generous largess scattered by the open hand of the Squire's sons, who never seemed to forget the toiling tenant amidst all the gay doings at the Castle, till their names became synonymous words for luck and grace. It was the evening of the annual fair held in Hamilton, and there was great rejoicing among the valley people, as their exhibits of garden and dairy had scored the highest marks, but the old difficulty arose 'how to pass the Robber's Cave,' for like Hora-tius three men could hold the pass against all Hamilton, owing to the high rocks on either side. The Squire determined to light it out, but upon searching for his sone found that they land left early in the evening to attend a meeting, which somewhat dampened the little army, as those three young fellows had never shown the "white feather" when danger pressed. But, fortunately, one of them had left his horse to be shod, and the Squire declared that "upon his back he feared no one, be he man or devil." It was now between twelve and one, A STARLESS NIGHT. and the plan was that five of the ten

men were to go singly, and at intervals, through the pass, allowing themselves (but with some show of resistance) to be delivered of their money, and hastening to the village muster what crowd they could, that when the remaining men heading by the Squire would advance, they could rush up, and so hem in the midnight spoiler. One by one the men rode along to be seized, and with short parley their pockets turned inside out, and passed on lighter and sadder men, then quietly but surely the other band, like Indian trappists, crept, to track the thief to his lair. As the first man came within a few feet of the Pass, a dark lantern swung in his face, but, as the "throw up your hand" rang out. 'twas obeyed by pistol shots, shouts of groans and curses, and the closing in of the contingent from Beasley's Hollow. But that which considered a master stroke of generalship proved their defeat, for in the dense darkness, and meeting of the two forces, confusion ensued, and neighbour dealt neighbour furious blows, whilst the real enemy escaped. Matches were struck, and as they stood around looking crestfallen and feeling far worse, the Squire's horse began to rear and the Squire's horse began to rear and rettele. Housekeepers should ask for it and plunge; but the hand that held him firm see that they get it; all others are imitations. was accustomed to control, and feeling this the poor brute gave vent to a long neigh, as if for help, to be immediately answered by a counter one from the far side of the rock. With a fierce dig of the spurs, the Squire, followed by his endone at this Office.

raged men, sprang to the stood two of his own sont tions the learning three or uching figures. One bing the Squire's riding whip laid the lower senselies by the before the others. senseless but before the other reached; a bullet struck his heart; and the light of the fatal shot flashed serving father?" Are you not sorry for the boys? I was, for I think it must have been their mother's lawless mountain blood that could not be kept down. They are scattered to the four corners of their earth yet. Killdurn Castle still flourishes. earth, yet, Killdurn Castle still flourishes upon the side of the mountain. But the Valley people call it God's House, where His friends are poor and the lowly are



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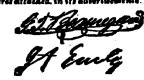
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