

THE TOWN CLOCK.

The heat was terrible; but Barby did not seem to mind it as she hurried along the close, dusty street, her clean calico gown giving her a bright fresh look that it did one good to see on such a day.

floor. She must have been asleep. She picked herself up and wondered what made her go to sleep all in a moment. And father, why he had fallen asleep in his chair, too. Dear father, he looked so white and tired; but then he had been the Town Clock all day and all night, so that Mr. Harper could be at home with his little baby boy.

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SMILES.

Hojak—Do you think that navigation of the air will ever be a success? Tom-dik—Certainly. All that is necessary is to obtain the repeal of the law of gravitation. Louisville Courier-Journal.

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A local journal says that a number of brokers recently held an informal meeting and figured out the losses of Montreal speculators of wheat in Chicago to be not less than \$750,000.

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In the British House of Commons, on Friday, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in answering a question on the subject, announced that a contract had been signed between Canada and the Petersons, of Newcastle, for a fast steamship service between Canada and Great Britain.

Note and Comment.

One of the fads, and they are numerous, of modern legislation is fully exemplified in the recent action of the Delaware legislature, which proposed to do away with the kissing of the Bible in taking an oath in the courts.

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The will of Mary Houdayer was filed for probate last week in the King's County Surrogate's Court, New York. Mrs. Houdayer left an estate valued at \$125,000, of which a very large portion by the terms of the will goes to Catholic institutions. The income of \$10,000 is to be paid to her brother, Louis Stanislaus Husson, of North Branch, N. J., and at his death the principal is to be divided among the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, the Orphan Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hospice Francais, all of this city.

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A correspondent in the Boston Post says: It is unfortunate that parents are not more careful about naming their children. Many a man and woman has been sadly handicapped in life by a silly, puerile sounding given name. What can be more absurd than for a large, active, keen-brained woman to be compelled to carry the burden of such a name as "Lottie"? Giving a child a whole nest of names is almost equally bad. They are sure to be "parted in the middle," and mistakes are always occurring because the numerous initials cannot be remembered by friends. How many men of prominence in affairs are there whose middle name or even initial you know off-hand. It is Grover Cleveland, Tom Reid William McKinley, Benjamin Butler with everyone. One good, short, clean-cut name is enough.

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From the Philadelphia Times the following is reproduced: "There are in this city (Philadelphia) at the present time a man and wife who are residents of Charleston, S.C., where they move in the highest social circles. They are childless. Some years ago they legally adopted two children, both girls, but one white and one black. Their early edu-

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