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ONE BOY'S OPPORTUNITY

A g atteman stopped suddenly be-fore a sign which told him that mes-senger boys were to be had inside. He hes tated and then went in. "How many boys have you in now?" hemat-od

he how many by a have you he he hasked.

"Boys," said the gentleman, eyeing them santinizingly, "I suppose you know there is to be an exhibition of trained dogs to-night?"

The faces of the boys showed that they ware perfectly aware of that fact, and that they might even give him some points in regart to it.

"Well, I'm looking for a boy to take a blind man to see it."

A titter was the first response; then followed a variety of expressions, as "What could a blind man see?" and, "You can't guy us that way."

"I'm not jesting; I'm in earnest," said Mr. Davis; and then, looking at one of the boys who had said nothing, he asked: "Well. what do you think of it?" think I could do it," was the w do vou propose to make him

see it."

"Through my eyes, sir. That's the only way he could see it."

"You're the boy I'm after," said Mr. Davis, as he arranged for him to meet the blind man. and his guide had a box to themselves, where they would disturb no one; but Mr. Davis from his seat in the audience knew that the bind man could understand. Indeed, no one applauded more heartily than the blind man sided, man kimals."

ollowing day Mr. Davis again d among the messenger boys, er a few words with the man-

"Boys, there was offered every one of you yesterday a chance for lifting yourself up in the world, but only one of you grassed it. My friend, the blind man has falt for some time that he might get some pleasure out of life if he could find some young eyes to do his seeing for him, with an owner who could report intelligently. My friend is delighted with the experiment. He says he is sure I hit upon the boy in town who will suit him, and has offered him a good situation with a fine salary. Messenger boys are easy to get; but a boy who can make a blind man see is at a premium. You see that boy, though he did not know it, was on the watch for a good opportunity, and when it came he knew how to manage it."—

Mother—Now, Lillie, we're making up a box of broken and discarded toys to send to the little heathen boys and girls. Will you send them some of yours?

Lillie—Well, ma, I sin't got no broken ones, but I can break up a let in a few minutes.

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Tea forms one of the principal articles of commerce throughout Thibet and Mongolia. The native is miserable without it, and when it cannot be obtained is willing to cheat himself by various expedients, such as boiling dried onion heads, herbs or even an initiation of chips of wood in water, in order that he may not be without at least a suggestion of his favorite beverage. The tea imported from Ohina is pressed into small oblong shaped bricks, made up into cases of nine bricks, securely seved in rawhide, and not only is used as a beverage, but in fact forms a staple of ourgency, which is negotiable anywhere.

The native method of preparing this delicacy is not appetizing. The tea is first ground to a fine powder by vigorously pounding it in a mortal until no splints of wood or other impurities are available to the eye if it is then put into the kettle when the water is hot, to boil ten or fifteen mintes. By way of giving increased flavor, salt or soda is added, and, this part of the operation being completed, the all important busing completed, the lacking, each one the fire fire of yak dung, in order that a little wooden bowl, and with a satisfaction which must be seen to be appreciated this, however, is by way of preliminary. From a satisfaction which must be seen to be appreciated and the situation of the best of this left hand, and det more than and completed the complete

TREASURE CHAMBER ON BOARD SHIP.

The specie-room on an ocean steamship is an important institution. It is located in an out-of-the-way place amidships, under the saloon. Few of the passengers know of its existence, or of the valuable treasure that is parried across the ocean with them. The room varies slightly on different ships, but is usually about sixteen feet long and ten feet wide and eight feet long and ten feet wide and eight feet high. It is constructed of steel places a quarter of an inch thick, and strrongly riveted together. The floor the ceiling, and the walls are also made of steel plates. There is a heavy door, also made of steel. It is provided with a variety of combination look that is said to be burglar proof. The gold and silver are usually in bars, but occasionally a quantity of coil in bags is shipped.

HOW THIBETANS \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* MAKE TEA. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The contractor complimented his men when the job was complete. He said that although he had done said that although he had never known a house to be begun and completed in a day. The cottage contains five well lighted rooms and a large attic. The work is done thoroughly, and the contractor declares that he could have finished it an hour earlier had not the men eaten so much dinner.

MUSIC-CHARMED WATER.

Intersting experiments showing the influence of a tuning fork on lets of water have recently been made at the Royal College of Science in Dublin. A let of falling water consists ordinarily of two parts—a clear column and a troubled portion. When the troubled part is photographed, with the aid of the electric spark, it is seen to be composed of drops following one another too rapidly to be separately perceived by the eye. These drops are irregular in size, shape and distance from one another. But if a vibrating tuning fork is placed in contact with the stand from which the jet starts, the drops fall into order with beautiful precision, a drop being cast off with each vibration. Many remarkable effects can thus be produced. A continuous jet may be thrown into a form like that of a vibrating string.

A GOOD HOUSE BUILT IN A DAY

It may be that joy in a kindly deed recorded in the New York Sun, the put speed into the hands of the work-the men and hastened its accomplishment. Whatever the motive power, however, the fact was a genarkable one. the Mr. Rose, an Indianapolis farmer, bought material for a house, and then discovered that for lack of means he could and go on with it. The stuff lay on the ground for months, when one day a generous thought came into the mind of a contracting builder. He called his men round him and asked for volunters to build the Rose cottage, celling them he would undertake to do it within one day if they would contribute their work. Twenty-six carpenters, masons and painters agreed, on the coulding, and the rounding. It was fixed for all to report at the site of the proposed building.

Every man appeared on time and all went at once to work. Bach worker was assigned to a particular hard, and the house began to go up with a rush. When noon came the framework was all up, and the chimeny was started.

Then came dinner. Mrs. Rose had Then came dinner. Mrs. Rose had the house botton and nearly a bushel of it fried two dozen chickens. There were the low of bid corn and nearly a bushel of it is men for feat they would eat so much they would not be the to him they was finished, all but the second coat of paint and the skim plast of botton and nearly a bushel of one of was on the plastegers were the roof was on the plastegers were the order and exactly at six o'clock the cold coat of paint and the skim plast end of cast of paint and the skim plast end of cast of paint and the skim plast end coat of paint and the skim plast end of cast of paint and the skim plast end coat of paint and the skim

RATHER TOO RISKY.

At a prominent works at Birmingham during the dinner hour there was a somewhat heated argument going on, when one man, who had hitherto kept silent, was appealed to. "Now, George," said one, "we knows you loves a argyment, an' can spout wi' the best on 'em. Now, what's your opinion on this tariff question '' ain't a goin' ter discuss it," said George, promptly. "I've threshed the matter out a'ore."

"An' what decision did ye arrive at '' asked on."

"Why," he replied, in a cool manner, "me an' tother chap didn't agree nohow. We took different roads, so to speak. He arrived at the bospital an' I arrived at the police station, an' I ain't goin' to thresh the matter out again."

Nor did they persuade him to do so.

"Tommy," asked the teacher of the grammar class, "what is the feminine of 'vassal'?" "Yassaline, ma'am," replied Tommy promptly.

++++++++++++++++++++++++ HERE, THERE

AND EVERYWHERE

What is undoubtedly the smallest tax assessment ever paid on real estate in New York was handed in recently, when Mrs. Mary A. Bennett paid I cent as taxes on property at the corner of Prospect avenue and Garden street. The rebate clerk, Matthew A. Husson, took the tax bill without glancing at it and prepared to figure out the rebate allowed on taxes paid this month. When he looked at the amount he quickly decided that no rebate could be allowed and he gave Mrs. Bennett a regular receipt. Assessed on the tax books as block No. 3,100, lot No. 24, the assessment valuation is the same as the amount of taxes collected, it being impossible to collect a smaller amount of taxes collected, the figures as 298x112x277 feet, the strip being the result of cutring through and widening Prospect avenue, the larter proceedings taking all of the property owned by Mrs. Bennett except this remaining triungular bet.

The Prussian authorities are taking steps to prevent the unlawful use of the prefix "von." The police have been ordered to send in lists of all persons who prefix "von" to their names. These will be carefully gone over by the heralds, and all persons found using this highly prized addition, but not entitled to do so, will be informed that unless they discontinue its use they will be punished.

She had the lips of tinder:
I had the lips of flame:
And neither of us had ever heard
Procrastination's name.

She had the tender bearing.

Of daffodils in spring,
And I had sense enough to know
Love is a fleeting thing.

She had the soft demeanor,
Disoreet as any nun's;
And each of us had all the joy
God gives His foolish ones.

Bliss Carmen.

Katherime. Do you think saw oya-ters are healthy? Kidder-I never knew one to com-rlain. -Philadelphia Hulletin.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

A checkered sareer often ends is stripes.

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The Australian eucalyptus tree is being grown on a large scale in Southern Europe and Northern Africh because of its tendency to drain swamps. This was formerly supposed to be due to abundant exhalation of watery vapour from its leaves, but it has been shown that actually the transpiration of the eucalyptus is only one-half or one-third that of willows, birches and other trees, and it is therefore assumed that the phenomenon in question is due simply to the rapid growth of the eucalyptus.

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Little Eddie Friedenthal 198 Berlin street, Detroit, is the life of the children's ward in St. Mary's hospital. He will leave for home on Thursday and there will be a large number of sad partings when he bids the other youthful jatients goodby. They have become much attached to him, having long looked to him for comfort. He has a sweet voice and sings a great deal, much to the delight of his fellow-sufferers.

Eddie is minus his right eye and is lame in his left leg himself. Some time is go be was struck in the eye by a sharp piece of iron which a little girl threw at him. Some children were teasing her and she jabbed Eddie in the eye, thinking he was one of her tormentors. But Eddie says he wasn't bothering her at all. He was obliged to have the eye removed. Under his affliction he is cheerful and hopeful for a happy future. He is glad he has got the sight of his other eve, if for no other purpose than to see the good, things Santa Claus is going to bring him.

She had the melting ardor That hesitates, yet dares; And I had youthful valor's look That is so like despair's.

She had the fluttering eyelids
Like petals of rose;
I had the wisdom never learned
From any musty prose.

YOUTH.

HELPING THE TEETH.

A dentist says that the more teeth are used legitimately the better for them; that perfect mastication on both sides of the mouth prevent receding gums and tends to ward off decay. Those who chew on one side have poor teeth on the disused side, and the fad of chewing every mouthful very fine is one of the most sensible fashions humanity has ever taken by. Disorction in sloquence, speech is more than

make talls

According to Lucian, youth as well as maidens at Troezen were forb den to wed till they had shorn their hair in honor of Hypolytus, and we gather from the context that it was their first beard which the young men thus rolled, However we may explan \$\frac{1}{2}\$, a custom of this sort appears to have a custom of this sort appears to have revailed widely both in Greece and the east. Plutarch tells us that the custom, which lasted down to historical times. Argive maidens their tresses to Athena before marriage. On the same occasion Meganian girls poured libations and land clippings of their hair on the tomb of the maiden liphinge.

At the entrance to the temple of Artemis in Peics, the grave of two maiden swas shown under an olive tree. It was said that long ago they had come as pilgrims from a far northern land with ofterings to Apollo, and dying in the sacred sile were buried there. The Delian virgins before their marriage.

At Della and dying in the sacred sile were buried there. The Delian virgins before their marriage used to cut off a look of their hair, wind it on a spindle, and lay it on the maiden's hair before marriage.

At Panamara in Caria men dedicated with a marbe of their first beard round a whisp of grass or a green shoot. In some places it was Artenial the asme, except that they twisted the down of their first beard round a whisp of grass or a green shoot, in some places it was Artenial the temple of Zeus. The locks were enclosed the marriage.

At Panamara in Caria men dedicator was engraved on a sunken ranel in the stone, together with the name of them bear the names of women; some of them bear the names of women; some of them are inscribed with the names of the dedications are to Zeus alone, the priest for the time being. Many of these hinsribed with their names; and nailed to the walls of their tresses to the priest of the dedication of the temple. The outselves and left the shorn hair in caskets of gold or shift beard in the study of the temple. The conserved with one of the temple of zeus the

STRICKEN CHILD BRINGS SUNSHINE

things.
The scider-orab flourishes, he adds, and attains its greatest size in the warm waters of the Japan seas, and an attains its greatest size in the warm waters of the Japan seas, and an adequate idea of the hideousness of the creature's appearance can only be formed by those who have been unfortunate enough to come across the monster in its lair.

Its shape bears a strong resemblance to the familiar insect that we see in our gardens. The long legs which often exceed forty feet in length, are thickly covered with a coarse black hair. The body, often fifteen feet in circumference, is also covered with hair, in which barnaoles and tiny shellfish make their home. When attacked the creature lashes its long arms until the water seethes.

Japanese pearl divers assert that the touch of the spider-orab is as fatal as the sting of the cobra's faug, but the usual fighting method of the monster is to embrace its enemy, fish or human, with its hairy tentacles, when death by suffocation is the inevitable end.

Minard's Limment Oures Burns, etc.

H E GRUNTING

SACRIFICED THEIR HAIR TO THE ANCIENT GODS

which answer comes back, "Yes," When a native passes a European in the uncivilized parts of the country, says Mr. Dudley Kidd in "The Essential Kaffir," he will frequently anticipate the white man's "I see you," and will start off with a loud "Yes." Of all ways of expressing sentiment, grunting is the favorite, and the Kaffir grunts with great elequence. His simple grunt can express a whole world of sentiment. After hearing natives express so much by grunting, one cannot avoid thinking that pigs might learn to speak.

Kaffirs have many very expressive exchamations, such as "Yo!" when they show surprise: "Wow!" when they show surprise: "Wow!" when they show surprise: "Yow!" when they show surprise "Yow!" when they show surprise "Yow!" and many other similar utterances. "In visiting a chief," says Mr. Kidd, "it is rude to speak first. Accordingly, when we visited a Kaffir king, we sat in silence, and pretended approval of the sentiment, and said the proper things. When the grunted approval of the sentiment, and said the proper things. When the quastions began to be a little personal we told our native servant to fetch the blanket we had brought with us in order to open the chieft seyes.

"When we gave the chief the blanket we had brought with us in order to open the chieft seyes." When the quasities of the blanket with his fingers, placed it to his skin to see how warm it would be: he then showed it to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how warm so in order to his skin to see how wa

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A SUBMARINE TERROR.

The most formidable and repulsive creature of the submarine world is the spider-crab, who is master of the scaled and finned things that live in the ocean's depth. It is alike hideous in appearance and habits, and more than one daring coral hunter and rearl diver has found death in its terrible arms. Thus says a writer who has made a study of these things.

The studious king never reigns but he pours over a book.

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CHILD IN-SAINA.

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A PETROLEUM LOCOMOTIVE

gas engine.

Another locomotive of the same kind, but smaller and less powerful, has already been put into service in London. It weighs only twelve tons, and is employed by the municipal government to draw cars from one of the railroad terminal stations in the city to the Corporation Meat Mar-

According to Engineering News, it is intended to haul four trucks, which, when fully loaded, aggregate fifty tons, and on a railway of standard gauge. The water and petroleum tanks are of sufficient capacity for a full day's work. The motor is the Mandslay Motor Company's standard design, with three 9-inch cylinders and 9-inch stroke, and the motor develops 80-horse-power at 450 revolutions per minute. The motor is cooled by a large tubular radiator fitted with a fan; and for greater convenience an 8-horse-power single cylinder engine is employed for starting.

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As the line traversed runs through streets and the market itself, the locomotive is so geared as to have two speeds, of only 2.1-2 and 5 miles per hour, in each direction. In addition to the ordinary hand brakes, the locomotive is equipped with the Westinghouse brake, and a sanding apparatus is employed when the streets are "greasy."

In a recent trial the full load of tifty tons was drawn over the line with the greatest ease, and the trial included stooning and starting again. n a recent trial the full load of y tons was drawn over the line in the greatest ease, and the trial luded stopping and starting again the steepest grades. The control and reversing mechanism was ecially satisfactory in its work-

BREEDS SPIDERS

FOR LIVING

In this age of shams, even spiders' newbs may be fraudulently attached to like wine bottles to give them the appears ance of age, for there is an elderly frenchman who makes a comfortable competence by supplying mascrupulous wine dealers with specially bred spiders, at a fixed rate of \$2.50 per hundred, which may be relied upon, if turned loose amongst wine bottles, to at once proceed to spin abundant webs upon them.

The reason of this is that he keeps a large establishment, which he devokes to breeding spiders. They are kept in dark cool rooms, and the spiders are allowed to roam at their will about shelves, on which are placed numerous empty port wine bottles.

If a spider spins on the wall or in a corner of a shelf, its web is promptly destroyed by the owner; but if one of these creatures spins on a bottle, it is promptly rewarded with a fly. When their education is completed, they are placed in separate compartments in light wooden boxes and despatched to the fraudulent wine merchants, who make use of them to give their bottles the appearance of twenty years' storage in cellars cool.

WEST INDIAN "LIFE PLANT."

There is a creeping moss found in Jamaica, in Barbados, and other islands of the West Indies, which is called the "life tree," or, more properly, the "life plant." Its powers of vitality are said to be beyond those of any other plant. It is absolutely indestructible by any means except immersion in boiling water or application of a red-hot iron. It may be out up and divided in any meaner and the smallest shreds will throw out roots, grow and form buds. The leaves of this extraordinary plant have been placed in a closed, airtight, dark box, without any moisture of any sort, and still they grow.