MONCTON'S & SMALL BOY. WEIGH, MAKES HEROES.

, \$1: '/ o!' Two Eittle Lads Who Had Lion Hearts in Frail Bodies—Their Trip to the Gorge for Ferns and the Excite-ment It Caused in the Household.

The Moncton small boy is not as a rule-a loveable, being. In fact, he is much the reverse that, except to his own immediate family, his value is greatly below par, and his reputation is so unpleasant that the law-abiding, and peace loving citizens of the rail-way town who are tired of hearing about the sweetness and loveableness of happy innocent childhood, and of listening anguage which is the com non | vernacular of the small male children in Moncton, are taking into serious consideration Ithe idea of taking King Herod for their patron a unt, as a sort of tacit protest against the exist-

ing order of things.

The juvenile son of Adam who is indigen ous to the soil, is admitted by all students of nature to be the very worst of his kind, but as the jewel shines more brightly by ontrast with the meanest surroundings, so the few exceptions to this rule stand out in bold relief, when contrasted with the rest and there are about half a dozen small boys in our boys whose presence goes a long ways towards redeeming; the Moncton cit-ten's faith in the beauty and goodness of

There are two small men in particular, one of whom I know very well, and another whose acquaintance I have not the pleasure of, who have so much of the stuff of which heroes are made, in their composion that I shall be surprised if the world does not hear something of them in the future, and whatever that something may e, I am sure it will be to their credit. Neither of these lads is much over eigh years old, but if ever lion hearts beat in rail little bodies I think those bodies belong to Jack Wilson, and Jack Gordon se are not their real names, but they will do well enough for the purpose.

These little fellows who are just of an age and who rejoice in the same christian names, belong to the same class in school and are devoted chums. Just before the public schools closed for the summer the acher requested the children of her de partment, especially the boys to go into the woods after school, the next day, and her woods store school, the nast day, and while school closed the school closed between the school closed be found that his fasher declares he is obliged to all the roll every nights at block inself to Chicksnaggs and winsing. On the eventful Turrally-before the schools closed be found that his scan and a very large family, so leave indeed to the school when the school will be seen and knots on its rugged truth as missing on the school closed be found that his scan and knots on its rugged truth as mensing at been seen so that the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing one seen the school closed be found that his scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing one should been missing at been seen should been missing at been seen should been missing at been seen should been similarly when the school respective services and the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing of the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing of the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing of the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the missing one should been missing at bed time one obstore, and the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth as the scan and knots on its rugged truth a

carrying his bots in his hand crept sottly up the stairs and in his absorbed anxiety not to be seen, walked into his father's arms! None of the Wilson children are cowards however; it is not in their blood to be afraid, so Jack made a clean breast of it. Jack Gordon and he had borrowed a two wheeled push cart a ter school, and started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse: it was a look and the started for the worse in the started and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and undiminished excellence, with no fe to releast the contrary vastly reinforced by all that is superbly amusing and instructive and the superbly amusing and instructive and the superb

it. Jack Gordon and he had borrowed a two wheeled push cart a ter school, and started for the gorge; it was a long way, and they were pretty tired pushing the cart uphill, but teacher had asked them to get her some ferns, and he knew there were good ones out at the gorge so he did not mind. Jack was more tired than he, be tumbled down before they got to the gate and didn't think he could get up again, but they had the cart full of beautiful ferns, and he wouldn't do it again but he would like something to eat very much.

It is scarcely necessary to add that the unpleasant consequences were indefinitely postponed, and neither of the Jacks' got into any trouble through their adventure. Those two little bricks had walked sixteen miles with perfectly empty stomachs, as they had not had time to think of providing anything to eat, and the search for the ferns had been up the side of a steep mountain, the walk back had been over a rough country road, in absolute darkness, for there was no moon, and they had been cumbared to the started the arenies world.

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Perhaps the sequel to their expedition is the most extraordinary part of it! certainly hope that it is the most unusual Those two boys were the only scholars in the whole school who had paid any attention to the teacher's request, but yet when the little heroes proudly laid their tribute at her teet next morning, she de-clined to make any use of the ferns because they were all the large Osmundas, and

leat, but then it takes all kinds of people to make up a world, and there is no accounting for individual opinions, so I supwas given her.

tude from the people they sacrificed them-selves to save, from Joan of Arc down to General Gordon, but I hope the ingrati-tude with which the brave little men see rewarded will not have the effect of quenching their brave spirits and I am were the readers of Progress will appreciate their bravery and acord them the praise they so justly deserve.

GEOFFREY CUTHBFRT STRANGE.

John Sammons is a responsible man, a good farmer, who stands high among his neighbors, and whose reliability has never brave soldier of the Confederate army, and was one of those who participated in that bloody tragedy on the banks of Chicka-mauga Creek on the 18th of September, 1863. During the hottest of the engage-ment Sammons found himself in an ex-posed, position, with shot and shell playing high revel around him, and he sought such shetter as was afforded by a large oak tree which was in direct line of fire. While h ndling his piece a bullet struck his gun-stock and cut off the two first joints of the

WEDDINGS BROKEN UP INSTANCES WHERE MARRIAGES

One Case Where a Bride Found a Substi-tute To Marry a Man She Disliked—A Bridegroom Who Repented in time and Fied Through a Graveyard

A fashionable church was crowded wi an expectant assembly some years ago, a rich gen'leman being about to lead a young girl to the altar. The attachment, in the more delicate ferns.

It seems to me if I had been that teacher, and the boys had brought me alder bushes instead of terns, I would have used every leaf, but then it takes all binds of terms. those who had come to witness the cere-mony. When the bride entered the church on her tather's arm it was noticed she was closely veiled, the white tulle hanging in discentible. When the ceremony was about to commence, the groom that was to be started violently, appeared miserably em-barrassed, and walked into the vestry, while the figure in bridal robes fainted at the altar rails.

Her veil was quickly removed, and the whom the groom was intending to be wed-ded, but a cousin of hers who had been violently in love with the man, Of course, the wedding-party disappeared and the church doors were closed, while the as church doors were closed, while the as sembled people went home with but a slight grasp of the true nature of affairs— the general belief being that the girl had turned obstinate at the last moment, and been brought into question. He was a brave soldier of the Confederate army, and brave soldier of the Confederate army are confederate army are confederate army and brave soldier of the Confederate army are confederate army and brave soldier of the Confederate army are confeder the man of her parents' choice, that she persuaded the cousin enamoured of him to don her bridal robes, and as the two were extraordinarily alike in form and figure, there was little difficulty in such metamorphosis-th: love-lorn maiden being only to ready to secure him at any sacrifice

The reason why the girl's father did not discover the change was, no doubt, owing to the closely-veiled face, and to her re-fusal to talk; which he would, no doubt, stock and cut off the two first joints of the torefinger of his right hand as clean as a knife would have done it. The dismembered finger dropped among the leaves, and as he was more particular about saving the balance of his body then about rescuing as little a thing as a missing finger, he made the best of his way out of the fight, stanching his bleeding hand as best he could.

I this is to talk; which he would, no doubt, attribute to sulkiness. The groom, however, was more quick at detection, hence his abrupt departure from the altar. The made the best of his way out of the fight, stanching his bleeding hand as best he could.

the arrangement, and the telegram was de-livered precisely as he desired; though he must naturally have experienced some qualms of nervousness at the non-appear-ance of message and bride.

He hurriedly consulted the contents of the orange-colored wrapper, to the vestry, tollowed by the daintily dressed widow a few moments later. She pretended to be so seriously indisposed that the wedding was put off, and the party set out for the lady's home; while the sight-seers were displeased because of so unsatisfactory a termination to the much-talked of pro-ceeding.

As the man expected, the fickle widow severed the engagement, and would not consent to be his wife under any conditions. When, some time after, he explained to her that he had been merely testing her affections, she assumed exasperation, declaring she would never forgive such deceit, secretly hoping, however, that he would make up to her, when of course, she would relent and exhibit a pretence of forgiveness. This her conduct proved, but he did nothing of the sort she anticipated, marrying another lady six months later, to the widow's chagrin and disgust. The whole story! laking out, the characters immediately concerned in this little comedy found it necessary to their comfort to seek fresh quarters—the fickle widow crossing the



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by the altar, and the church was thronged with villagers. Half an hour passed, and the lady did not appear; so the weary waiter, to avoid the embarrassment of being an object of criticism, adjourned to a small room under the gallery stairs. Then there was the hush that told of her arrival, and the eyes of admiration wandered from her to the tiny room where the hero was expected to emerge. But when the best man went in quest of him, he was nowhere to be found, and an awful interval tollowed, during which the bride betrayed extreme nervousness.

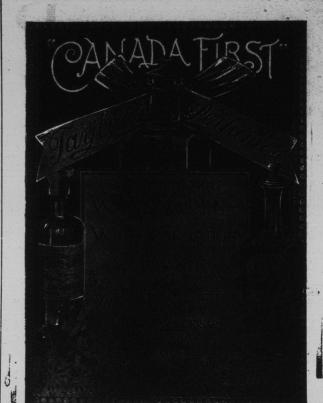
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He was never seen or heard of after, and the locality being quiet, his departure had been effected unobserved. A small window looking over a remote corner of the grave-yard, was his means of exit, and it was surmised he had gained the road by leaping a wall. This wight apparently repented just in time.—English Paper.

What Did She Mean?

A country-woman, who was visiting her married daughter in a large city, wrote home that she was 'living on a fist.' A family council was held to determine what the phrase meant. The oldest son, who had been to the city, said it meant that she was 'living in a great big house.' But the majority came to the conclusion that she meant that she was living on her son-in-law.

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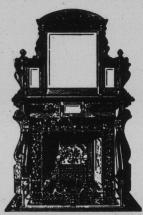
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