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In Lighter Bein.

The Old Time Games.

I want to go back to the old home nest, And swing on the sycamore tree;
I want to go home again and rest
And let my heart go free;
And play the games with the old time

With the boy that I used to be.

"Chica-ma-chica-ma-cra-nee-crow,
Went to the well to wash her toe.
When she got back her chickens were
gone!

What time, old witch?"

I want to play hide and seek again,
And climb in the old hay loft.
Oh, the world is empty and all in vain
Its riches, and oft and oft
I turn aside from the path of pain
To list to a whisper soft:
"One zall, two zall, zickerzall, zan,
Bobtail vinegar, tickerall, tan,
Harum, scarum, Irish narum,
Swingerlum. Swangerlum. Swingerlum, Swangerlum, Washumbuck."

-Celia Myrover Robinson.

His Radical Cure.

"To show de power ob de 'magination an' de consanguinity ob human nature," remarked square-headed old Brother Shockey, "jes' lemme tell yo': De udder mawnin', when I come uhbogin' 'long down to town I met up wid Brudder Wampuss, I b'lieves 'twuz, an' he wags his head sawtah mogger on' gest Wampuss, I b'lieves 'twuz, an' he wags his head, sawtah mogger, an' says, 'Well-uh, shucks, Brudder Shockey, yo-all has de 'pearance ob bein' pow'ful puny to-day!' An' I got to wonderin' if 'twuz so. Purt' soon I meets Brudder Shinpaw, an' he remahks dat I'm uh-lookin' mighty bad, somehow or nudder; an' I sh'ly begins to feel dat-uh-way.

uh-way.
"Next, 'twuz Brudder Bimmelick,
Siek isn't yo'. "Next, 'twuz Brudder Bimmelick, an' he says, 'Hum-haw! Sick, isn't yo', sah? Ah, but people is uh-dyin' off mighty profound, dese days!' Den 'twuz Brudder Brownback, an' he 'lowed he'd never had de pleasure ob seein' me wid such a sinister cullah to muh complexion befo'; an' turrectly a-nudder brudder specified dat I ortah take suthin' fo' it, an 'de next one remahked dat dar was a pow'ful sight ob ominous 'zeases uh-gwine 'round jes' now, eespecially amongst de Americo-Afruns. Well-uh, by dat time dey sho'ly had me gwine sideways wid deir lamentations. I felt a malicious goneness in muh interlah, a sagacious roarin' in muh head, an' de all-overs in mun back, an' purt soon I was in a high fever an' had de palliation ob de heart an' enough udder symptoms to plumb fit up a blue-backed ommenick, an' by de time muh lovin' friends had got all th'oo wid me I was as good as gone.

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"But jes' as I was mizzably figgerin' on de length ob de puhsession an' 'bout how soon de widdah would marry ag'in, I comes up wid a Hard-shell Babdist brudder dat was uh-eetchin' an uh-ailin' to 'spute 'bout de Holy Scripters; an' he didn't take time to notice dat I wasn't long fo' dis world, but jes' lit in onto me like he was a she-bear an' I was a passel of orphant child'en.

"'Loogy puh, sah! Now, jes' loogy right yuh!' he prognosticates, uh-comin' at me wid his brizzles up. 'All this yuh Tommy-foolishness dat de Shoutin' Meferdists, dat yo' has de honah to b'long to, 'dulges in am twinklin' thimbles an' sounderin' brass, an' yo' knows it! How can yo' have de shamefacedness to stand up befo' me an' de Lawd in dat paltry attitude? W'y, ding-bust it, suh—'"Well-uh, 'twuzn't much mo' dan no

Lawd in dat paltry attitude? W'y, ding-bust it, suh—, "Well-uh, 'twuzn't much mo' dan no time a-tall twell me an' dat benighted brudder was at it hammer an' tongs, an' purt soon we had done tied into into each udder like a couple of catamounts an' was uh-gwine 'round an' 'round fo' de glory ob de Lawd. An' atter I had had de pleasure ob bouncin' a good-sized rock on his nappy head an' sendin' him uh-scootin' to'a'ds de wilderness ob sin, 'whuh he p'intedly b'longed, I sw'ar to gracious I never felt better or mo' able in all muh life; 'deed I nevah did.''

Unfailing Insight.

The novelist Balzac flattered himself upon his skill in reading character from handwriting. A lady once brought him an extract from the exercise-book of a twelve-year-old schoolboy and asked for an opinion as to the youngster's char-acter and prospects.

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Balzac inquired whether the child was her own. Answered in the negative, he examined the exercise carefully and delivered his judgment.

"Madam," he said, "this child is thick-headed and frivolous. He will never come to any good. If he were my child, I would take him from school and put him to the plough."

And then it had to be broken gently to the graphologist that the exercise on which he had pronounced so severely was one of his own, which had been discovered hidden away, between the leaves of an old lesson-book.

"that you might possibly install me in your glorious family."

The wealthy mine owner laughed.
"Install you," he echoed. "Why, certainly. You will find our family stable to the left, and if you don't disturb the horses you may have a stall all to yourself."

Range Etiquette.

The new owner of the Circle Bar Rancho walked stiffly over to the bunk house where one of the punchers sat,

mending a riata.

"Saddle up a horse for me, my good man," he said, "a tame one if you can find it."

The puncher raised his pale blue eyes to the face of the new owner, a phantom smile hid under his drooping yel-

tom smile hid under his drooping yellow moustache.

"Saddle him yourself," he said.

That night, the puncher called for his time and rode away with the unexplained explanation that he wouldn't be "no hostler for nobody; that was alright for city doods, but it don't go on the range."

Hypocrisy.

"What is a hypocrite?" asked the teacher.

Johnny, who never knew his lessons, suddenly surprised everyone by waving his hand as a signal that he could answer, so she called on him.

"A hypocrite," said Johnny, "is a boy who comes to school with a smile."

Leading Up to It.

"I wish you would look at the watch and see what's the matter with it," the man said, handing it over. The jeweler examined it. "I can't see anything wrong," he

"I can't see anything wrong," he said. "What seems to be the trouble?"
"It has lost nearly a minute in the last three months."
"That isn't worth making a fuss

over.

over."

"I didn't know but one of the jewels might have broken, or something."

"No, they're all right."

"None of em' dropped out?"

"No, they're all there."

"It isnt' full jeweled, anyhow, is it?"

"Yes, it's full jeweled."

"I've been suspecting lately that the case is only washed."

"You're wrong. It's solid gold."

"But it isn't a first-rate make, is it?"

"Yes, there's nothing better on the market."

"I'm glad to hear you say so. Per-

"I'm glad to hear you say so. Perhaps you wouldn't mind letting me have a fifty on it?"

Still Waiting.

A gentleman met a young woman who had formerly been a servant in his house and, being interested in her welfare, said to her:

fare, said to her:
"Why, haven't you married yet?"
"No, sir."
"Well, I thought you would have been

"Well, I thought you would have been married before now."

"Oh, no, sir," she said. "There's two waitin'!"

"Two!" he exclaimed. "Why, you don't intend to marry two do you?"

"No, sir."

"Then, who are they?" he inquired.

"Why," she replied naively, "the two that's waitin' is the minister and me!"

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Had Heard of One.

"Who ever saw a perfect man?" ask-"Who ever saw a perfect man?" asked the revivalist. "There is no such thing. Every man has his faults, plenty of them." The revivalist continued: "Who ever saw a perfect woman?" At this juncture a tall, thin woman arose. "Do you mean to say, madam," the evangelist asked, "that you have seen a perfect woman?" "Well, I can't just say that I have seen her," the woman replied, "but I have heard a powerful lot about her; she was my husband's first wife."

Clever Dog.

A gentleman once possessed a valuable sporting dog which was extremely clever in the retrieving of game. The owner, however, was a remarkably bad shot, and one day, on firing both barrels hastily at a rabbit, he heard a mournful howl. The next moment his dog appeared, carrying a black object in his mouth, and laid it carefully at his master's feet. The animal had rehis master's feet. The animal had retrieved his own tail.

Modern Fables.

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Back to the Hay.

The foreign nobleman was keenly dispointed.

There was once a steer that was a wonder from the time of his childhood. When he was a yearling he outweighed any two-year-old in his township, and before he was three he could make a steer that weighed a ton look like 30 cents. Then a man bought him and took him around to country fairs and exhibited him to the people at ten cents per look. And still the steer continued to get bigger and bigger until it was necessary to knock out the side of a barn to let him in. And the steer grew proud and haughty on account of all this public notice and concluded as he

chewed his cud best thing that pike. Finally go out of the sed that he wou tion. There was at the sale, for at the sale, for had heard of the fact, was so hat it the police to street cars. A around on that bids he said to a very warm couldn't attract as this." Final local butcher at a stall in a ca a stall ha a ca stall was an un parentage whice 650. The greature runt as he was the runt only another wisp of you are a gre beauty, but un trolley I can se next 24 hours." after this the c was hanging u of the butcher tached stating this carcass copound. Then tossed his head "What did I to two months the unsuspecting p sion they were Moral: All cl

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A story was Murray about Christian of De American ships the King invited dinner. "From lated Admiral ated Admiral I the pleasant la stationed. After of the dinner tion of King C filled, and, all tention, his ma formality, pro formality, prop the United Stat but the King shoulder, and a hall. The gues aide, reseated minutes I saw hurriedly into King who bid hurriedly into King, who kiel of view. Shor turned to the d at the head of having risen, ag dent of the U raised his gla "The Star Spa."

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