CHILDREN'S CORNER.

GUARD AGAINST SCANDAL - A WOMAN MORE CUNNING THAN SATAN.

The devil was one day sitting on a stone, on the side of a solitary road, and he appeared to be in some great troub'e. His head rested on his hands, his eyes were fixed on the ground before him, and his face was very sad; in short, he really seemed to be in sore distress.

Along the road comes old Mag, the fortune teller, and (as everybody called her and feared her as such) the country witch. "Halloo, master! you are very sad to day. What's the matter?"

"I guess I have reason to be sad," answered the devil. "Working so hard and yet gaining nothing."

"How is that?" said Mag.

"Do you know that old couple over yonder?" and the devil pointed to a lonely farm house out a piece from the road.

"The old man and woman over there ?

"The old man and woman over there? Certainly I know them."

"A nice, peaceable old couple, eh?" grinned the devil sadly.

"Oho! that's what worries you," laughed the fortune teller. "A very nice, peaceable old couple, that won't let you get between them. Is that it?"

"That's it execute!" I have been

"That's it exactly! I have been working very hard for all the years they are living together (and it is now about forty) to sow discord between them, but all in vain. I don't like to give up the project after having gone to so much trouble about it; and yet I almost despair of ever gaining my noist."

of ever gaining my point."
"What will you give me if I do for you what you cannot do?" asked Mag in her

"If you bring about what you say I will make you a present of a pair of new

'Agreed !" said the witch. "This is Thursday. Meet me here sgain next Saturday noon and I will get the shees. Be sure to bring them along. With these

Saturday noon and I will get the shoes. Be sure to bring them along. With these words Mag hobbled away, studying how she could fulfil the devil's errand.

The next morning Friday, she went to the farmhouse, to try her luck, as she said. It was just as she wished. She found the old lady alone peeling potatoes for dinner, while her husband was out in the field digging stumps. Mag bade her good day and then began: "I am old Mag, the country fortune teller. Maybe you would like to have your fortune told?"

"I have nothing to do with fortune

"I have nothing to do with fortune tellers. Clear out of this house immediately," and the woman motioned to show Mag her way off.

"Just as I expected," said Mag. "Because I am a fortune teller, I dare not be listened to, but must be driven from the house. Could'nt I forsee that you would treat me thus? If you will not hear me, then bear the consequences." hear me, then bear the consequences"— thus saying she turned to leave the

Well, what have you to say?" asked the woman, calling her back.
"Nothing if you don't like it!" replied

"Nothing if you don't like it!" replied Mag in a sharp tone. "However, I didn't come to get angry, though I knew well enough that I would be thus treated. I came to tell you the truth, whether you

Well, what is it ?" "There are great trials and troubles awaiting you. All I can say is, they will come soon; your husband brings them,

rather anxiously.
"It is a somewhat odd way; and you

may not believe in it. When your hus-band is sound asleep, you must take his razor and cut a hair from his throat," and the witch pointed to her own throat to show the woman the place,
"If it won't do any good, it will at least do no harm to try it," thought the

lady.
"Just as you think. But the sooner you do it, the better."

She turned again to leave the house, when the woman called after her, as king

whether there were no charges.

"No, ma'am, I take nothing for this.
May God preserve you from harm."

As the old witch passed through the gate she said to herself with a chuckle:
"So far my bargain is all right. Now for So far my bargain is all right. Now for She took a round about way, so as not

"Sir, I come this way of a purpose," thus Mag accosted bim, "to warn you of a danger that is threatening you."

"Who are you," asked the man

I am old Mag, the country fortune

"I have no business with you. Go your way and leave me in peace," and the man turned away from her to take up

his work,
"I did not come to tell you your fortune," persisted Mag, "but to warn you against a certain danger." "Get out of this! I will not hear an-

"Well, then, be murdered, for aught I care," said Mag, turning abruptly to walk

away.
"Murdered? Who talks about mur-

der ?"
"I do, and so do other folks, too."
"I do, and so do other folks, too."

"Am I to be murdered, you say?"
"Yes, you."
"Who wants to murder me?" "Nobody else but your own wife."

You're a falsifier, and be confounded!" exclaimed the man, almost in a fury. "Hem! well, that needs to be proved. I heard people say so and I thought it right to come and warn you. You would do

Why she wants to do it I don't know."

"I will try her," said the man sullenly.

"If it is false, then I will settle with

"If it is false, then I will settle with you."

"I only tell you what I heard peoplessy. Try her yourself and you will see. Good day, sir." With this Mag left, saying to herself: "The old gentleman is all right, too. I will soon have my shoes."

At noon, when the man went home for his dinner, he watched his wife closely. Noticing that she viewed him now and then, in a stolen, distrustful way, he grew suspicious, and began to look and act sour and sharp. "Ahs!" thought his wife, "I see the trouble coming already."

After dinner he lay down as usual to take his nap; but this time to try his wife. Having shut his eyes, he soom began to snore, and thus pretended to be most soundly asleep. His wife kept on doing her work after dinner, as usual, until she heard him snoring. Then she went into the room in which he was lying on the lounge, and to find out whether he was sleeping soundly enough for her purpose, she managed to make a noise by upsetting a chair. He did not stir, but snored away as strongly as before. On tip toe she went to the hursen.

by upsetting a chair. He did not stir, but snored away as strongly as before. On tip toe she went to the bureau, opened it cautiously and took out her husband's razor. Having removed it from its case, she again stepped on tip toe up to where her husband was lying. She stooped down towards him, holding the razor in her hand to cut the hair away from his throat when to her great away from his throat, when, to her great dismay, he jumped up, seized her hand, from which the razor dropped to the floor, and in his rage hurled her into a

The story now goes on to tell us that from this time forward the old couple never had a day of peace, that at last

"What will you give me if I do for you what you cannot do?" asked Mag in her own taunting way.

"You bring discord between that good old couple?"

"Yes, I."

"How long will it take you to do it, do you think?"

"Oh, a day or two."

"You do in so short a time what I could not do in these forty years?"

"Yes," laughed the old sinner, "to show the devil that there are persons in this world smarter than himself."

"If you bring discord between that good old couple?"

"Why, old fellow, what do you mean?"

laughed the witch, "Are you afraid of me?"

"Indeed, I am and ought to be," answered the devil; "you did in one day what I could not do in one day

me?"
"Indeed, I am and ought to be,"
answered the devil; "you did in one day
what I could not do in forty years. That beats me! I have reason to fear you. Here, take your shees, you have carned them well for your skillful and successful work."

Dear readers, I will not go bail for the Dear readers, I will not go bail for the truth of this story, just such as it is; but a truth it is that there are such devils in human form, who through their malice succeed in leading others into sin, thus bringing misery and death to the soul, and doing, maybe, what Satan could not do. To such devils as these Jesus says: "Woe to him through whom scandals come. It were better for him that a millstone were put about his neck and be cast into the sea."

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"As with reading, so with eating. It is not what a person reads or eats that benefits him; it is what he digests."

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benefits him; it is what he digests,"
This was an eminent physioligist's reply to a reporter's questionings this morning, when approached on the subject of that great American complaint.
"In the matter of diet," he said, "every person should be guided by his own experience, and not rely on the experience of others. I know a newspaper man in this city who lives on brown bread and applee, and drinks nothing but water, and there is no man of my acquaintance who enjoys more of my acquaintance who enjoys more robust or periods health. I have heard also of a composer and dramatic author whose favorite dish is a compound of potato, oatmeal and Spanish onion, on which he thrives and does much good work. Richard A. Proctor, the astronomer, suffered for many years with sich mer, suffered for many years with sick headaches, and after trying every remedy neadaches, and after trying every remedy under the sun he set to work experimenting upon himself. Exercise or rest had no effect upon his malady. They availed him nothing against persistent atacks. Then he tried stopping his customary glass of wine or beer, which he took with his dinner. This produced no change. Pastry was next taken off his food list and he seemed to be benefited by the omission. Then he cut down on tea and coffee. Still he did not get the desired relief. Finally he stopped tak-ing sugar in his drink, but the effect of abstinence was unfavorable. At last he determined to let butter alone. The effect of this change was instantaneous and decisive. He had no more headaches, and to this day you can not prevail upon him to eat butter or anything that he knows contains the article. To consult a physician on matters pertaining to diet, except in conditions of disease, is useless. While one will tell

disease, is useless. While one will tell you to abstain from certain things, another will advise you to eat only those things which the other ones have denied to you. Take cheese for example. Most authorities are of the opinion that it is not easily digested. I do not believe it is any more indigestible than meat and many other articles of food. Suppers are, as a rule, condemned by the medical fraternity. They assert that late meals are not only unnecessary, but positively harmful. To my mind I do not believe that a man who goes to bed hungry can sleep. After eating, blood is drawn toward the stomach to supply the juices needed in digestion. Thus the brain is relieved of the pressure exerted on its centers durdigestion. Thus the brain is relieved of the pressure exerted on its centers dur-ing the hours of fasting and becomes pale and dormant, and sleep ensues. A doc-tor was once called to attend a lady, at an early hour in the morning, who he was secured was in a dving condition. an early hour in the morning, who he was assured was in a dying condition.

When he reached her bedside he found the body warm and the heart doing houest work. He prescribed buttered tosst to be eaten at once, and the dying woman was soon surprised by a return of life and a desire A NEW TREATMENT.

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they as a perfect food and said to be nature's aware them off."

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the lining membrane of the nose and those who have attained their full growth and can thrive on solid food milk is altogether superfluous if not harmful.

> employed free from admixture with any solid material? Cocoa, chocolate or even milk are not near so efficacious in allaying thirst as water.
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> "Vegetarians hold that the whole meal bread is far superior to all other kinds, and is a preventive of and other kinds, and is a preventive of and cure for constipation. To my mind whole-meal bread is a pleasant food, and no analysis yields a higher percentage of nitrogen than white bread; but when equal weights of the two kinds of bread are passed through the body ninety-five parts of white and ninety parts of the whole meal disappear. I am willing to concede that a large portion of the tissue-forming elements in the bran shorts and grits are ments in the bran shorts and grits are lost at the bakers' and that it consists chiefly of starch, but when I remember that the residue of the whole meal con-

The principal object of drinking is to

desirable to this end than water when

allay thirst.

What can be found more

tains so much nitrogen that it is entirely insoluble I do not see how it can be a superior article of food.

"It is a popular delusion that dyspepsia is caused by indigestible food only. sia is caused by indigestible food only. If this were so, and all the articles of diet enumerated as indigestible were placed on the index expurgatoris I tremble to think what the poor dyspeptic would have left to live on. The first essential regaining health to be noted by a dyspeptic is to live regularly and to abstain from all those foods that experience shows are injurious. Many persons who from all those foods that experience shows are injurious. Many persons who are supposed to have heart disease, an enlarged liver or softening of the brain are really hypochondriac dyspeptics. enlarged liver or soft-ning of the brain are really hypochondriac dyspeptics. Oftentimes such person have their worst fears realized by consulting some medical encyclogacia. I know of no more pitiable object than the young man or woman who reads up for the purpose of finding out from what complaint he or she is suffering. When you are ill go to a physician instead of a you are ill go to a physician instead of a book, and when he tells you you are suffering from an attack of dyspepsia aid him in his work of repsir by following his direction to the letter and remember his advice as to what you shall eat and drink. -N. Y. Mail and Express.

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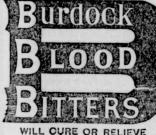
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