

Everybody's Boy.

My son, drop that dime novel, or flash paper, and let's have a little chat.

Yes, Indiana and detective stories are thrilling, but don't go too fast. The chances are that you will never see a live Indian outside of a circus or a street parade, and as for killing 'em—don't.

No doubt you could strap a bowie knife and revolver around your waist, and take a loaf of bread under one arm and the pamphlet life of Buffalo Bill under the other, and go West and slay Indians by the cord, but don't think of it.

An Indian has feelings the same as the white man, and as few of them have laid by any bonds or mortgages, or invested to any great extent in life insurance, you must realize that the widows and orphans of your victims would be left in a sad plight.

As for detective stories, go and talk with a real detective or a county sheriff. Ask 'em about "Old Sleuth's" disguises and exploits and magic luck, and then listen carefully while they tell you what a fool you are making of yourself by grinding the end of your nose against pages of such trashy fiction. We want you to read, but for the land's sake look about for something different! There are good boys' books, your father takes the daily papers, and if you should read a page or two of history now and then you would not waste your time.

That crowd of New York publishers who are flooding the country with flash papers and dime novels, are your worst enemies. No matter to them whether you grow up a respectable man or a murderer, so long as they get your money. Their stories are the basest lies, too silly, even, for a boy of ten years of age to believe.

Now, then, look about you, and see how many men in our stores and factories and offices and upon the streets are getting gray and wrinkles and old. Twenty years from now not one in ten of us whom you see in business to-day, will be able to put our shoulders to the wheel. Even a decade will retire tens of thousands. What then? Why, my son, this is a world which knows no stop. This is a life which knows no rest until old age compels it.

When the men of to-day are laid up in dry-dock, the boys of to-day will be the fresh set of hands called on deck to work the ship. They will be the merchants, farmers, manufacturers, and professional men of the future. You will have to bear the burdens and anxieties of keeping this country on the track of peace and prosperity, and your voices will sound from the halls of Congress, and your pens write words to burn in the memory of future generations.

Come, now, begin right. Don't get it into your head that an Indian-killer is about four pegs above a State Senator. Don't imagine that a detective wouldn't trade places with a lawyer very quickly if he had his say about it. Don't you believe that an embezzler, burglar or murderer is a hero, and that men admire him. Drop your novels and flash papers as a starter. The boy who feeds on such trash gets false impressions of the world, and is more certain to bring up in State prison than respectable employment. If you have a pistol, sling it aside; the man who carries one about the streets is a coward, and men mark him as such. If you have a bowie knife on hand, turn it over to your mother for a meat or bread knife. If you have a sand-club lying around loose, shy it into the ditch before anybody finds out how empty your head has been. That pair of brass knuckles can be tossed into the river; "Old Sleuth" and "Buffalo Bill" will make a good bonfire, and then you are ready to begin life, and to ask yourself what trade or profession shall be yours when done in the school.—Detroit Free Press.

She Wanted a Novelty.

"I am troubled almost to death to know what to get for my husband's Christmas present." "Get him a box of cigars," suggested the clerk. "No, cigars are too common. I want something new—some novelty, you know." "What business is your husband in?" "He's a city milk merchant." "Buy him a cow."

'LADIES' JOURNAL'

Bible Competition No. 9,

\$20,000.00.

During the year ending with September last, the proprietor of the LADIES' JOURNAL has given a very large and valuable lot of rewards to his subscribers aggregating an immense amount of money. We are sure that the Pianos, Organs, Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Tea Sets, Books, etc., etc., have given great satisfaction. A good deal of excitement has been caused by the advent of some of these costly prizes into the towns and villages of Canada and the United States. They have been sent to all parts almost, of the two countries, quite a number even going to England, and other distant places. Full lists of the winners are always published in the LADIES' JOURNAL immediately at the close of each competition, names of winners are given in full, together with the street and number, where possible, so inquiry can readily be made by those who are doubtful. There can be, therefore no fraud. We can positively testify to the fairness of the matter ourselves, as we know everything is carried out exactly as promised. For the benefit of those of our readers who desire to compete, we give the plan in detail.

To the fifteen hundred persons who correctly answer the following Bible questions will be given, without extra charge, except for freight and packing of goods, beyond the regular half dollar yearly subscription, the beautiful and costly rewards named below. We will give the Bible questions that require to be answered first:

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Where are horses first mentioned in the Bible?
2. Where are camels first mentioned in the Bible?
They are not very difficult, but require a little study to look them up. So don't delay; the sooner you answer them the better. Here you have the list of first rewards. Number one in this list will be given to the sender of the first correct answer to these two Bible questions. Number two to the sender of the second correct answer, and so on till all this series of first rewards are given out.

THE FIRST REWARDS.

- 1. Six Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. \$ 600
2. One Grand Square Piano, by a celebrated maker. 600
3 and 4.—Two Grand Square Pianos. 1,000
5 and 6.—Two Fine Toned, 10 Stop Cabinet Organs by a celebrated firm. 600
7, 8 and 9.—Two Fine Quadruple Plate Silver Tea Services—six places and One Fine Clock Tea Service. 300
10 to 15.—Six Gentlemen's Solid Gold Stem-winding and Stem-setting Genuine Elgin Watches. 600
16 to 20.—Five Ladies' Solid Gold stem-winding and stem-setting Genuine Elgin Watches. 450
21 to 25.—Ten Renowned Williams' Singer Sewing Machines. 600
26 to 30.—Ten Gentlemen's Solid Hunting-cases or Open-faced, Coin-silver Watches. 200
31 to 35.—Ten Solid Quadruple Plate Cake Baskets, elegant designs. 200
36 to 40.—Fifty Dozen Sets of Heavy Silver Plated Tea Spoons. 400
41 to 50.—One Hundred and Thirty Elegant Bound Volumes of Tennyson's Poems. 300
51 to 60.—One Hundred and Ninety well bound volumes of World's Encyclopedia a library in itself. 570

Then follows a series of middle rewards which will be given in this way: At the close of the competition all the answers received will be counted by three disinterested persons, when to the sender of the middle correct answer (of the whole list) will be given number one of the middle rewards. To the next correct answer following the middle one will be given number two, the next correct one number three, and so on till all these middle rewards as enumerated below are given away. Here is the list of

MIDDLE REWARDS.

- 1. Seven hundred and fifty dollars in gold coin. \$ 750
2, 3 and 4.—Three magnificent Grand Square Pianos, by a celebrated maker. 1,000
5, 6 and 7.—Three Fine-toned Cabinet Organs, by a celebrated maker. 750
8, 9, 10 and 11.—Four Ladies' Solid Gold stem winding and stem setting Watches. 400
12 to 17.—Six elegant quadruple plate Hot Water or Tea Urns. 300
18 to 20.—Thirteen Elegant, Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns. 250
21 to 25.—Twenty Elegant Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 410
26 to 30.—Ten Pairs Fine Lace Curtains. 100
31 to 35.—Thirty Quadruple Plate Crock Stands. 300

- 91 to 257.—One Hundred and Sixty-seven Elegant Rolled Gold Brooches. 400
258 to 600.—Three Hundred and Forty-three beautifully bound volumes, Shakespeare's Poems. 1,029

After these follow the Consolation Rewards, when, to the sender of the very last correct answer received in this competition will be given number one of these Consolation Rewards named below. To the next to the last correct one will be given number two, and so on till all these are given away.

THE CONSOLATION REWARDS.

- 1. Five Hundred Dollars in Gold Coin. \$ 500
2, 3 and 4.—Three Fine Grand Square Pianos. 1,500
5, 6 and 7.—Three elegant Cabinet Organs, by a celebrated maker. 750
8 to 10.—Three Fine Quadruple Plate Tea Services. 300
11 to 15.—Eight Ladies' Solid Gold Hunting-cases genuine stem-winding and stem-setting genuine Elgin Watches. 800
16 to 20.—Eleven Heavy Black Silk Dress Patterns. 500
21 to 30.—Forty-one Fine Black Cashmere Dress Patterns. 410
31 to 35.—Sixty dozen sets silver-plated Tea Spoons. 600
36 to 40.—One hundred and forty elegant rolled gold brooches. 600
41 to 45.—One hundred and ten fine silver-plated butter knives or sugar spoons. 110

This altogether forms one of the most attractive and reasonable plans we have ever seen. The aim of the proprietor of the Ladies' Journal is of course to increase his circulation. In fact, he says so, but adds that he also hopes to encourage the study of the Bible, but frankly states that this part of the plan is not his sole aim, and goes on to explain that he has lost so much money by dishonest agents, and has spent so much in valuable premiums to encourage them to send large lists, that hereafter he has decided to give all these things direct to subscribers, for answering these Bible questions. Aside from the rewards offered you are sure to be pleased with your half dollar investment, as the Ladies' Journal consists of twenty pages of the choicest reading matter, and contains the sum and substance of many of the high priced fashion papers and magazines published in the States, and all for the low price of half a dollar, or one year's subscription. It also contains two pages of the newest music, short and serial stories, household hints, fashion articles by the best authorities, finely illustrated. In short it is about the best monthly publication you know of anywhere for fifty cents, and is as good as many at a dollar. Be sure to remember that everyone competing must send with their answers fifty cents by post-office order, scrip, or small coin. They then pay nothing extra for the privilege of competing for these costly rewards, as fifty cents is the regular yearly subscription price to the Journal. The competition remains open only till fifteenth February next, and as long as the letter is post marked where mailed either on the day of closing (15th February) or anytime between now and then, it will be in time and eligible to compete. For answer this promptly now, and you may be sure to secure one of the first rewards. If you answer anytime between now and fifteenth of February, you may secure one of the middle rewards, and even if you answer on the last day (15th Feb.) and you live a good distance from Toronto, fifteen days being allowed after date of closing for letters to reach the office from distant points, you are almost certain to secure one of the consolation rewards. At all events we most heartily recommend it, and trust many of our readers will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity of securing at once an excellent publication and a possibility of a piano, organ, gold watch, silver tea set, or some other of the many rewards offered. The address is Editor of the Ladies' Journal Toronto, Canada. Don't delay attending to this but do it now, and you'll not regret it, you may depend.

Faith in One's Self.

Queen Elizabeth once said to a courtier: "Those succeed best in this life who pass over it quickly; if we stop we sink." This saying might oft be repeated, and with profit, too, if oftener practiced. Life being short, we should make the most of it while it lasts. Let one trust in himself, let him exert his capabilities to their fullest extent, and sooner or later success will be his. To fail is absolutely impossible, if a man is fully determined to succeed and has an established purpose in view.

Where the money comes from no one can tell, but there never was a larger holiday trade in holiday goods proper than at this Christmas tide.

A new kind of porcelain is called Matsunoke—the Japanese for dairy, comes in the softest shades of amber, rose, pale and turquoise blue, and ruby with daisies on the outside for decoration.

An extravagant fancy which does result in a pretty costume, is the use of cashmere shawl to form the waistcoat front and side breadths of a dress, the parts being of fine real India cashmere chudda cloth.

One great advantage of Burdock Blood Bitters over other medicines, is that it acts at the same time on the Liver, the Bowels, the Secretions and the Kidneys while it builds up the parts strength.

People who read and reflect, after reading upon the many published testimonies regarding Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspepsia Cure, can scarcely fail to perceive that evidence so conclusive could not be adduced in behalf of a remedy of doubtful efficacy. The facts prove such evidence are that it roots out impurities of the blood, restores digestion, enlivens the circulation, and regulates the bowels and liver.

Shot silks are produced only in small quantities for the American market for the spring, but they will be in demand in London.

Mrs. Henry Sheldon, of Farmington, was cured of Canker of the Stomach by Burdock Blood Bitters when her friends nearly abandoned all hope.

The importers of silks just returned from Paris say that satins, rhadamés, meryleux, and Surah will again be the leading silk dress fabrics in the spring.

Mr. Alexander Robinson, of Exeter, writing about one of the most popular remedies of the afflicted than any other medicine during the short time it has been in use, says: "I have used four bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspepsia Cure, and have been cured of Dyspepsia that troubled me for over years. Part of that time I had it very bad and I was at considerable expense trying to get relief; but this excellent medicine cured the first and only relief I received."

The silk weavers of Lyons are producing small figured brocades for French and English women, but large designs of the kind of stuffs for Americans.

W. W. McLellan, Lynn, N. S., writes: "I was afflicted with rheumatism, and given up all hopes of a cure. By chance I saw Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil recommended. I immediately sent (fifty cents) and received four bottles, and with only two applications I was able to get around, although I have not used one bottle nearly well. The other three bottles I have given to my neighbors, and I have had many calls for more that I feel bound to give. I believe the afflicted by writing to you for supply."

The most elegant balmoral skirt is of poppy red tricot cloth, trimmed on the side as well as outside with many rows of Valenciennes or Moresque lace.

Holloway's Corn Cure destroys all kinds of corns and warts, root and branch, then would endure them with such a simple and effectual remedy within reach.

There is an effort to make steel-gaiters take the place of the ever popular fastidious gloves, but the tans retain their fashionable favor yet.

Annie Heath, of Portland, states that her face was disfigured by eruptions, but regained her former pure complexion using Burdock Blood Bitters.

The artistic color and hali shades of dress fabrics, but retain their place in the line of goods, ribbons, and accessories to toilet.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful blood purifier, and a fountain of health and strength. Be wise in time. All blemishes and affections are promptly removed by this equalled alterative.

The latest fancy in menu cards is the use of them in fine decorated porcelain. They are practically everlasting, as the menu can be washed off and the porcelain clear for another.

Health giving Herbs, Barks, Roots, Berries are in Burdock Blood Bitters, regulate all the secretions, purify the blood and strengthen the entire system.