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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

PAPA'S LETTER.

was sitting in my study, Writing letters, when I heard, " Please, dear mamma, Mary told me Mamma mustn't be 'isturbed;

"But I's tired of the kitty, Want some ozzer fing to do! Witing letters, is 'ou mamma? Tan't I wite a letter, too?"

" Not now, darling; mamma's busy; Run and play with kitty now." " No, no, mamma, me wite letter-Tan if 'ou will show me how." I would paint my darling's portrait

As his sweet eyes searched my face— Hair of gold and eyes of azure, Form of childish, witching grace. But the eager face was clouded, As I slowly shook my head,

Till I said, "I'll make a letter Of you, darling boy, instead." So I parted back the tresses From his forehead high and white,

And a stamp in sport I pasted

'Mid its waves of golden light. Then I said, " Now, little letter, Go away, and bear good news.' And I smiled as down the staircase Clattered loud the little shoes.

Leaving me, the darling hurried Down to Mary in his glee, " Mamma's witing lots of letters; I'se a letter, Mary-see!"

No one heard the little prattler
As once more he climbed the stair, Reached his little cap and tippet, Standing on the entry stair.

No one heard the front door open, No one saw the golden hair, As it floated o'er the shoulders In the crisp October air.

Down the street the baby hastened, Till he reached the office door: "I'se a letter, Mr. Postman; Is there room for any more?"

" Cause dis letter's doin' to papa: Papa lives with God 'ou know. Mamma sent me for a letter, Does 'ou fink 'at I tan go?

But the clerk in wonder answered, " Not to-day, my little man." " Den I'l find anozzer office, 'Cause I must do if I tan.'

Fain the clerk would have detained him But the pleading face was gone, And the little feet were hastening— By the busy crowd swept on.

Suddenly the crowd was parted, People fled to left and right, As a pair of maddened horses, At the moment dashed in sight.

No one saw the baby figure-No one saw the golden hair, Till a voice of frightened sweetness Rang out on the autumn air.

'Twas too late-a moment only Stood the beauteous vision there; Then the little face lay lifeless, Covered o'er with golden hair.

Reverently they raised my darling. Brushed away the curls of gold, Saw the stamp upon the forehead, Growing now so icy cold.

Not a mark the face disfigured, Showing where a hoof had trod; But the little life was ended-" Papa's letter" was with God. -Liverpool Mercury

I hope to carry my repentance to the very gates of heaven, for every day I find I am a sinner, and every day I need to repent; and so I mean to carry my repentance by God's help to the very gates of heaven .- Philip Henry.

HOUSE AND FARM.

FARMERS SHOULD KEEP A SLATE.

Where farmers keep hired men, and stormy days abound, they are frequently at a loss to know how to put them to work profitably. It is a good plan to have a slate at the tool-house or barn or workshop, and to note down during pleasant weather what work can be done in rainy weather. There are scores of little jobs that suggest themselves which ought to be done, and can be done as well in rainy weather as in fair weather.

Such a slate would have upon it something like the following: "Clean out the cellar; oil the harness; mend harness grease all the waggons; repair the horse stalls; file the saws; grind the tools; assort the apples; make kindling wood; repair the implements; paint the implements ; shell corn."

A hundred other little jobs could be suggested. Have it understood that when a raing day comes, whether you are at home or not, the slate is to be referred to, and the work done as there suggested .-Prairie Farmer.

TO KEEP EGGS FOR HATCHING

There are many theories advanced and ways proposed as best suited to prevent the germ of life in the egg till it can be | bottles \$1; Pills 25 cts. a box. placed under the hen. Extremes of heat

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and cold, and evaporation of moisture from the egg, as e what we wish to avoid. In this, as in many other matters, nature is our best guide. The ground, covered with leaves, constitued the natural nest, the tendency of which s to retain, rather than to dispel moisture. By putting soil and leaves in a box, and placing it with the eggs, either in the cellar or cellar way, (we mean the stair-case between the cellar and the next story,) according to the degree of moisture in the two positions, we get, perhaps, the most complete imitation of nature practicable. We should prefer in winter, a room warmed artificially in which to keep eggs for hatching, were it not that the air in such a room is almost always too dry .- Poultry World.

SEVERAL WHYS IN COOKING. The "Why" in vegetable cookery is

thus set forth by an exchange: Why should beans never be put into cold water to soak, as is often recommended? Because all the nutritious portion of the bean is extracted by the pro-

They should be washed in warm water, then in cold, be tied loosely in a cloth, be put into boiling water, with a spoonful of dripping and a little salt in it, and be kept boiling for four hours. They are then excellent if served with gravy, and not with melted butter.

They serve as garnish for roast mutton or beef, and are excellent eating served whole or as a puree. To make the latter, when the beans are done, throw them instantly into cold water, when the skins will slip off. Rub the beans through a colander, and mix a lump of butter with them. A little stock, or milk, or cream, is excellent mixed in.

Why should plenty of fast boiling water be used in boiling vegetables, potatoes excepted? Because the greater body of boiling water the greater the heat.

If only a little water be used, the whole affair soon cools, and the vegetables become tough, so much so that no length of time in boiling them would render them otherwise.

Why should onions be always cut in round and very thin rings? Because the fiber is thus cut across, and in so cutting them, whether for frying them or for making sauce, they are rendered very tender when cooked.

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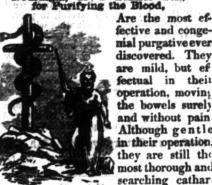
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