

## Young Folk's Department.

### The First Tangle.

Once in an Eastern palace wide  
A little girl sat weaving:  
So patiently her task she plied  
The men and women at her side  
Flocked round her almost grieving.  
"How is it, little one," they said,  
"You always work so cheerily?  
You never seem to break your thread,  
Or snarl or tangle it, instead  
Of working smooth and clearly."  
"Our weaving gets so worn and soiled,  
Our silk so frayed and broken.  
For all we've fretted, wept and tolled,  
We know the lovely pattern's spoiled  
Before the King has spoken."  
The little child looked in their eyes,  
So full of care and trouble:  
And pity chased the sweet surprise  
That filled her own, as sometimes flies  
The rainbow in a bubble.  
"I only go and tell the King,"  
She said abashed and meekly,  
You know he said in everything—  
"Why, so do we?" they cried, "we bring  
Him all our troubles weekly!"  
She turned her little head aside:  
A moment let them wrangle;  
"Ah, but," she softly then, replied,  
I go and get the knot untied  
At the first little tangle!"  
O little children—weavers all!  
Our broiery we—pangle  
With many a tear that may not fall,  
If on our King we would but call  
At the first little tangle.

### A Cherry Festival.

A curious festival takes place in the German city of Hamburg, when the cherries are ripe. It is a festival for the little folk, who march in a procession through the streets, waving cherry laden branches. The Cherry Festival has been held for more than 400 years, and it serves to put all the people in mind of a victory won by none but little children over an army of fierce men—an old, old story that is very touching and beautiful, and which the citizens of Hamburg do not wish to forget.

In the year 1432 Hamburg was besieged by a great army. The army of Hussites it was; its leader remembered in history as Procopius the Great. The war had been raging for many years, and on both sides it had become very bitter and cruel; and so the people of Hamburg were terribly afraid, for they could not hope to hold out against a great multitude of men who had been trained to war. A council of the chief citizens was held to consider what they should do; and at length some one suggested that they should send out the little children, for when the great army of soldiers saw them the sight would melt their hearts and they would do no more harm to the town.

Then all the children were gathered together from their homes, and they were put in order in the streets, and the city gate was opened, and they were told to march out and meet the army. The soldiers lying outside, and who had come to destroy the city and murder all who were in it, were surprised to see the gate swing open, and greater still grew their amazement when they saw the little children, clad all in pure white robes, come forth, and when they heard the pattering on the road of little feet; and when the little ones drew timidly up to their tents, the eyes of the rough soldiers began to fill with tears, and (as there were cherry orchards all about) they threw down their arms and gathered beautiful branches off the cherry trees, full of fruit, and sent back the children to their parents with answers of peace.

And that is why the Hamburg children down to this very day get their cherry feast every year, and the people turn out to look

at them, and think with grateful tears of the army of little ones who gained the sweet, bloodless battle, and saved the good old town from destruction 450 years ago.

### "Cheats Never Thrive."

A School Board Inspector, says an English exchange, tells the following story: The next composition I examined was that of a not particularly intelligent looking little lad, with a sallow visage, and lank, red hair, his daily employment being to assist his widowed mother, who kept a "leaving shop" in the neighborhood. Master Hollier had taken for his theme the time honored axiom, "Cheats never thrive," but his treatment of it was remarkable chiefly from the circumstance that he had altogether mistaken the sense in which it is generally applied. "The way to thrive," wrote the widow's son, "is to make all that you have a cheat of making. When you goes to buy a thing, and the man arses you so much, if you do not bate him down then you cheat yourself, and so you wont thrive. So the same when you want to sell a thing, and you do not arst so much as you might get, though perhaps it might not be wrth it to any one what knew, then you will not thrive. It is rong to cheat anybody, but it is very fooliah to cheat yourself. If any body wants to borrow any money on an article you mite cheat yourself if you lent her mor'n 'bout a quarter what she arst, then you might be sure that you have not cheated yourself, and then you will thrive. The way to thrive is to get all the money that ever you can.—Yours ever trowly, William Augustus Hollier."

### Unselfish Heroes.

When, at the battle of Zutphen, the wounded Sir Philip Sidney was given water to quench his thirst he is recorded to have handed it untasted to a dying soldier near him with the exclamation, "Thy necessity is greater than mine." A similar instance of unselfish thoughtfulness during suffering is recorded of the gallant Sir Ralph Abercromby.

Being mortally wounded at the battle of Aboukir, he was placed on a litter and taken on board a ship then lying in the harbor. To raise his head and thus to place him in a more comfortable position, some one took a blanket from a soldier who was standing by and put it under the hero as a pillow.

Sir Ralph immediately experienced great relief from its use, and asked what it was.

"It's only a soldier's blanket," was the reply.

"Yes," said the General, "but whose blanket is it?"

"Oh?" said the person addressed, "only one of the men's."

"I wish," persisted the dying officer, "to be told the name of the man whose blanket this is."

"Well, then, Sir Ralph, it belongs to Duncan Roy, of the 42nd."

"Then see," answered the thoughtful old veteran, "that Duncan Roy gets back his blanket this very night!"

The Chinese have a proverb that every man who rules himself is a king. Any man can be a king—if his wife will let him.

Lillian Spencer, the actress, has written a novel called "After All." Insatiable female! Would n't three or four suffice?

## Exchange Department.

A Choke-bored breech-loading gun for most English words, alphabetically arranged, made from "Kewlworth," 1811 Sept 25th. Expires 15th. H. Jones, Kewlworth, Ont.

### Printers' Errors in Bibles.

The recent revision of the Bible has called attention to Bibles generally, and especially those famous for their curious misprints. The earliest is the "Place-makers' Bible," printed at Geneva in 1561, in which the letter l was substituted for an e in the seventh beatitude. The "Vinegar Bible" was published at Oxford in 1717, the word vineyard being misprinted vinegar. In the "Wicked Bible," only four copies of which are now in existence, the negative was left out of the seventh commandment, and the printer was fined £3,000 by Archbishop Laud, though it is said to have been commuted to £300. The "Persecuting Printers' Bible," in which the Psalmist is made to say Printers have persecuted me without a cause," dates from 1702. The "Ears-to-ear Bible" was printed at Oxford early in the present century, the mistake occurring in Matth w xii. 43, and no less than thr. edition, the latest being 1823, transformed the word fishers, in Ezekiel xvii. 10, into fishes, so that the phrase reads "fishes shall stand upon it." There was also what was called the "Breeches Bible" (1579), so called because Gen. iii. 7 was rendered, "The eyes of them bothe were opened.....and they sewed figge-tree leaves together, and made themselves breeches."

"Why, how wonderfully lifelike," said Mr. Derrix, gently caressing a bumble-bee which reposed among the artificial flowers and insects of his wife's new bonnet. "If it was a garden flower I'd swear it was a—G-r-e-a-t C-m-e-r-i!" he suddenly shrieked, inserting a wounded finger in his mouth and dancing around like a whirling dervish. "Why, the blamed thing is alive."

Black silk will be more worn than black satin next season.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has no equal for destroying worms in children and adults. See that you get the genuine when purchasing.

Stripes must be horizontal, not vertical, in a fashionable frock.

Very many persons die annually from cholera and kindred summer complaints, who might have been saved if proper remedies had been used. If attacked do not delay in getting a bottle of Dr. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, the medicine that never fails to effect a cure. Those who have used it say it acts promptly, and thoroughly, subdues the pain and disease.

Olive and reseda shades of green are very popular.

The great results which have attended the regular use of Quinine Wine, by people of delicate constitution and those affected with a general prostration of the system, speak more than all the words that we can say in its behalf. This article is a true medicine and a life giving principle—a perfect renovator of the system—invigorating at the same time both body and mind. Its medical properties are a febrifuge tonic and antiperiodic. Small doses, frequently repeated, strengthen the pulse, create an appetite, enable you to obtain refreshing sleep, and to feel and know that every fibre and tissue of your system is being braced and renovated. In the fine Quinine Wine, prepared by Northrop & Lyman, Toronto, we have the exact tonic required; and to persons of weak and nervous constitutions we would say, Never be without a bottle in the house. It is sold by all druggists.

White frocks are worn to excess in England.

### A Dangerous Condition.

One of the most dangerous conditions is a neglected Kidney complaint. When you suffer from weary aching back, weakness and other urinary troubles, apply to the back a Burdock Porous Plaster, and take Burdock Blood Bitters, the best system regulator known for the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels.

No one who is afraid of the recoil of a gun can make a good score. Never wince before you are hurt; there is plenty of time to do that afterward.

### Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NORRIS, 149 POND'S BLOCK, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Red veils are as popular as ever Poisoned.

Scarcely a family exists but that some member is suffering with bad blood and poisoned secretions from constipation giving rise to Rheumatism, Scrofula, Eruptions, Catarrh and other complaints indicating, lurking blood poison which a few bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters would eradicate from the system.

Redingotes are all the rage in Paris.

ERPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Erps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets by grocers, labelled—"JAMES ERPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, Eng."

The days of flounces are no more.

### A Fruitful Season.

The fruitful season of the year is prolific with many forms of Bowel Complaints, such as Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Colic, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, &c., as a safe-guard and positive cure for those distressing and often sudden and dangerous attacks nothing can surpass that old and reliable medicine Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry.

All gray greens will be much worn.

**KNOW THYSELF**, by reading the "Science of Life," the best medical work ever published, for young and middle-aged men.

Plomb, or lead, is a leading fall color.

### A Sure Thing.

**A SURE CURE FOR SUMMER COMPLAINTS.**—Procure from your druggist one 37½-cent bottle of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry and use according to directions. It is infallible for Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Canker of the Stomach and Bowels, and Cholera Infantum.

Belts, to be fashionable must be very wide.

Ayer's Ague Cure acts directly on the liver and biliary apparatus, and drives out the malarial poison which induces liver complaints and bilious disorders. Warranted to cure, or money refunded.

Short and long waists are equally fashionable.

**CAUTION.**—Now that the warm weather has set in it would be well to have your Hair mattresses thoroughly renovated and purified by a new process that has given satisfaction. The cost is reasonable only \$2.50. Send a postcard to T. F. CUMMINS & CO., the upholsterers, 349 Yonge St.

The V-shaped corset is very popular in Paris.

### There is no Excuse.

There is no excuse for the many pale, sallow, weary looking females throughout our land, when Burdock Blood Bitters will regulate their troubles and renew their health, strength and vigor at so small a cost.

Huge bridal bouquets are no longer in vogue.

### To The Rescue

"When all other remedies fail" for Bowel Complaint, Colic, Cramps, Dysentery, etc., "then Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry comes to the rescue." Thus writes W. H. Crocker, druggist, Watertown, and adds that "its sales are large and increasing."