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BOYS and GIRLS

ents have been completed which there will be published in this page each week an article ome topic of interest to boys. The atributions will be from the pen of one who has a keen interest in boys and in boys' games, and who has had a wide experience in the sporting world, both as an athlete nd as a sporting writer. While his ame would be of interest, it is sufcient to say that his writtings on porting matters have been read from he Atlantic to the Pacific, while the circulation of one athletic work he compiled would make the fortune of a writer of current fiction.

THE EDITOR.

#### The Marathon Race.

The Event Comemorates One of the World's Great Victories.

Now when the spirit of spring is n the air; when the blood moves are and when Nature shows signs being more fully awake, the energy that has been asieep in many boys starts with a new vim and the young of our little world feel within them a desire to shake off winter's garments and kick free in pure joy. The elders feel the same way, but not to the same degree, and are usually content to display they are usually content to display their spring energies by toddling the length of a few city blocks, or, perhaps, some stronger ones will actually walk around the two mountains. But our boys will have nothing so gentle. No, indeed, they will want to run and show their mettle in real Marathon races. So the time many of the younger metter in real many of the younger generation feel like Heaven-sent harriers—or "tarriers," as the irreverent will call them—and vert their
new-found strength in kicking up the
dirt on city street and country

It has become fashionable to Ma-rathon these days. It is a craze which appears to have seized upon all nationalities, due, of course, to the fact that this event is set down as a feature at the Olympic games which have takem place in various countries, and which will next be held in Australia. You all know, doubtless, that the Marathon race is over a distance of twenty-six miles, but how many of you 'mow of the origin of the Marathon? of you will have read of it, but there are alot of boys who would rather drop into their running togs and fog along with their harrier friends than delve into history. Well this will be history very much condensed. I feel certain that the boy who knows about the original Marathon and sympathizes with the spirit of it, will make all the better runer for having stopped a while to hear the story. which have taken place in various

The battle of Marathon was fought in 490 B.C., and in it the Greeks defeated the Persians. Marathon is a plain some twenty-two miles from a plain some twenty-two miles from Athens. The plain is about six miles in length, in crescent form, one side skirted by a bay and on the land side girthed by rugged lime-stone mountains. Before the battle the Greeks held the mountains and

the point at which the Greek runner began his journey. The Marathon was rerun when the Olympic games were held at Athens in 1906 and it should be well remembered by Caradian boys, because William Sherring, of Hamilton, Ontario, led the way over which the soldier had run almost twenty-five hundred years previously, and by winning proved to the world that Canadian athletes are worthy competitors in world sports.

MURIEL CULLEN, Bay View, April 4.

Dear Aunt Becky,

As I saw some letters in the boys and girls corner of the True Witness, I thought I would write to you for the first time, I am seven years old. I have three sisters and five brothers. I am the youngest girl. I go to school. I had great fun going to school this winter. Our

But a word. The Marathon distance is a hard pull. It requires perfect condition of muscles and organs. It is a tremendous strain on a fully developed man, and it should not be attempted by undeveloped lads. Running is a fine exercise and every boy should indulge in it, but no boy should take up running until a physician has said that he may do so. Having been permitted to enter into contest with other boys, the runner should be careful to conenter into contest with other boys, the runner should be careful to content himself with moderate distances. When it is remembered that there is but a handful of men able to run the long distance, it will readily be seen that it is not a boy's distance and not a boy's work to run twenty-six miles. to run twenty-six miles. HANS.

THE DREAM FOLK.

In the quiet nocks and corners where the heavy shadows lie, Lots of little folk hide snugly while the sun is in the sky; But when the dear old Mother Moon puts forth her silver beams, The Dream-folk creep to children's beds to bring them happy dreams.

But endless are the happy dreams they bring good girls and boys,
Of roundabouts and chocolates and
pantomimes and toys;
With cricket-bats and fishing-rods,
and dolls with golden hair,
And sometimes (just at Christmastime) the toys are really there.

They don't like greedy children, so be careful what you eat,
Or they'll bring you dreams that
make you one big ache from head
to feet;

d when you've tossed about all night, and really feel quite ill, ey will send a cross old doctor with a huge and horrid pill.

So if you're fond of pleasant things, remember what I've said, never, never grumble when you're told to go to bed; And

There is a lot of Mountain tea.

berries here. But this storm will cover them. I will stop as my letter is getting long. I remain,

Your loving niece,

ETTA CULLEN.

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school is near a pond and there was lovely skating. There was also good coasting. I live on a farm. I have a pet hen. I call her Brownie because she is brown. She will not

because she is brown. She will not go to any one but me.

As my letter is getting rather long I must close for this time. Hoping to see my letter in print, I remain,

Your loving niece,

RITA CULLEN,

Bay View, P.E.I., April 4.

#### Animals Friend.

Late George T. Angell Was Kind to the Dumb Beasts.

"The friend of the dumb animals" is dead, as has been recorded, but his work will continue. Of Mr. Angell and his work, Judge Robert J. Wilkin contributes to "Our Dumb Animals" the following sketch:

George Thorndike Angell was born at Southbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, June 5, 1823, of the Rev. George and Rebekah Thorndike Angell. Mr. Angell came from a Christian family and was ever proud of the words engraved on his father's tombstone, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Chost, and much people was added to the Lord."

As he respected his father, he lov-ed his mother, and in his "Autobio-graphical Sketches" one of the first things he speaks of is his love and affection for her.

But if a child is fidgety and will not go to sleep,
Or watches for the Dream-folk just to take an artful peep,
He will never see a sign of them no matter how he tries,
For,though fond of little children, they are frightened of their cyes.

Here he remained for two years, and then, through the efforts of his mother, he was placed at an academy at Meriden. N.H.. where he fittled for then, through the efforts of his mother, he was placed at an academy at Meriden, N.H., where he fitted for Brown University, which he entered in 1842. In order to partially support himself by teaching winters, he left there at the end of one year and entered Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in July, 1846. Even in college his propounced only

which he graduated in July, 1846. Even in college his pronounced opinions, his sterling character, and his intelligence marked him for a leader. From early childhood, Mr. Angell was extremely fond of animals. He personally interfered in a number of cases of cruelty to them, long before he every heard of such a thing as a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and in 1864, two years before the formation of the first Society in America by Henry Bergh of New York, he drew a will giving a considerable proportion of property to be used in "circulating in schools, Sunday schools" and elsewhere, information calculated to pre-And never, never grumble when you're told to go to bed;
But run upstairs and snuggle down, and shut your eyelids tight,
Or the dainty little Dream-folks may be waiting half the night.

—Little Folks.

—Little Folks.

Dear Aunt Becky.
I saw some letters in the boys and girls corner, I thought I would write, too. I am in the fourth reader. I study geography, history, grammar and arithmetic. My teacher is Mr. Peters. We are not far from school. I have three sisters going to school. I am going to make my confirmation this year.

I was up to the church St. Patrick's day. There was a grand procession of the Irishmen. There was also four priests. In the night there was a large programme and a lecture by Father Monaghan.

Spring will soon be here then that will be the time to pick May flowers.

There is a lot of Mountain tea berries here. But this storm will cover them. I will stop as my letter is getting long. I remain, Your loving niece,

ETTA CULLEN.

Bay View. April 5.

sixty years ago last week there died in Rome that linguistic wonderworker of modern times, Givseppe Cardinal Mezzofanti. Para of homble origin in 1774, he was ordained priest at the age of 24, having been a few days previously spponned Professor of Arabic in the University of his native city of Bologna, for by this time he was already master of ter languages. From the little income of \$125—derived from his professorship, supplemented by the proceeds of private instruction, Mezzofanti supported two elphas tracents. Among his pupils was flych, to whom, when he was in Bologna in 1917, he gave some lessons in modern Greek. The poet writing of his stay in that city, says: "I don't remember a man among tem whom I ever wished to see twice, except Mezzofynd, who is a menster of languages, who ought to have existed at the time of the tower of Babel and acted as universal interpreter. He is indeed a marvel—wassuming also. I tried him in all the tongues in which I knew a single oath against post-boys, savages, Tartars, sailors,

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camel-drivers, and anything. And egad! he astounded me."

Nine years later, the Crown Prince

of Prussia, passing through Bologna on his way to Rome, reports of the linguist: "He is really a miracle. He spoke German to me like a German, with my Privy Councillor he spoke the purest French, with Bunsen perfect English, and with General Groben fluent Swedish." Another time it was the Grand Duke Michael, of Russia, who was surprised to find himself exchanging voluble Polish with the pologicity priest.

When Gregory XVI., who called Mezzofenti to Rome in 1830, made him a Cardinal eight years later, a deputation of fifty representatives of as many tongues and dialects waited on the new eminence with their congratulations. The Cardinal was equal to the occasion, rendering Prussia, passing through Bologna

was equal to the occasion, rendering spirited thanks to each in his own language. It was to Dr. Cox, the rector of the English College in Rome that the Cardinal said: "Well, if you must know, I speak forty-five languages." Wisceman, in his "Four Last Popes." attests "Mezzofanti's perfect utterance and expression in the few languages with which I happen to be acquainted. Though it was natural that he should be fond of conversing in his many languages. was equal to the occasion, rendering it was natural that he should be fond of conversing in his many languages, I should doubt if ever it was done from love of display, for he was humble and shrinking on every occasion. Indeed he knew his powers to be a gift rather than an acquisition. His appearance certain. acquisition. His appearance certainintellectual mark; for his learning or intellectual mark; for his learning on all subjects was accurate, extensive and solid. The countenance, which was the dial to the busy and complicated works above it, was not amplie or noble in its traits. His brow was a problem to phrenologists: though his eyes were heavily pressed outwards by what they have considered lingual faculties."

# A Lesson in Toleration.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Replies to

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin, having been taken to task by

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And the authorities of the Dublin Young Men's Christian Association for granting the use of the Mansion House for a meeting of the Catholic f the le. He house for a meeting of the Catholic for ply which should have the effect of proper forman, spoke the members of both bodies. His Lordship replied as follows:—"The Cordship replied as follows:—"The Grotime Society is to establish a bright and the members of both bodies. His Lordship replied as follows:—"The object of the Catholic Young Men's Society is to establish a bright and cheerful club, with a genuine Catholic and Irish atnosphere, and the committee, while affording the members every facility for promoting many games and outdoor express will not freet the for promoting many games and door exercise, will not forget

door exercise, will not forget the paramount duty of endeavoring to improve the mental and moral stamina of the members, and of encouraging them to help one another. The Lord Mayor has no doubt that the members of the Young Men's Christian Association can claim with equal justice that their organization is in no way astrongistic.

of the Irish priesthood from the examples I have been able to meet and to know. They have impressed me as an unusually high class of men intellectually as well as spiritually, and every one must admire their devotion, their sincerity and their self sacrifice. Some of them naturally become dictatorial, for it is often necessary for them to assume an air of authority to preserve the discipline in their parishes, but I thin that is more or less the rule in other countries and in all denominations. You can't talk back to a judge or a school teacher or a parson. And that is undoubtedly the groun for the charge so frequently made that Ireland is 'priest-ridden.' But the average intelligence, culture and efficiency among the Irish priest-nood is probably higher than it is in any other country, and their influence is correspondingly greater. "There is a great deal of criticism about the activity of the Irish priests in politics, and that I find to be largely a misrepresentation. Many of the priests do take an active part in political affairs, but it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably no larger than it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably in larger than it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably no larger than it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably no larger than it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably no larger than it is entirely a matter of individual taste and inclination, and the proportion is probably no larger than it is among the ministers of all denominations in the United States. Those who are well posted on this subject assure me that about one-third of the total number of Catholic priests habitually interest themselves in political affairs, local as well as national: a still larger number take

#### BANISH PIMPLES AND ERUPTIONS

Everyone Needs a Toxic in the Spring to Build Up the Blood.

minrove the mental and moral stamotors and of the members and of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association can claim with equal justice that their organization is in no way antagonistic to the interests of their Catholic fellow-citizers. In granting the use of the Mansion House for any purpose, the Lord Mayor will not be influenced by any sectarian feeling, and each application will be considered and dealt with on its merits. I am further to say that, having allowed the use of the Oak Room to the Catholic Young Men's Society for the purpose referred to, the Lord Mayor will not be willowed the use of the Oak Room to the Catholic Young Men's Society for the purpose referred to, the Lord Mayor will not have the slightest with disposal of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association for a similar purpose, namely, the imaguration of a new branch of their organization."

Irish Priesthood.

Chicago Critic Expresses High Opinion of its Members.

William E. Curtis, writing for the Record-Herald of his impressions of Ireland and its people, says of the Irish priesthood:

"Thave formed a very high opinion of the Irish priesthood from the examples I have been able to meet and to know. They have impressed me as an unusually high class of men .nttel lectually as well as spiritually, and leaves and priest the spring you must build up your blood with a tonic termonths are past most people deasily tired, This strength in the spring you must build up your blood with a tonic termonths are past most people deasily tired, This watery. That is what causes pimbers and unsightly eruptions. To release the blood is impure and watery. That is what causes pimbers and unsightly eruptions. To release the blood is impure and watery. That is what causes pimbers and unsightly eruptions. To watery. The priest the blood is impure and watery. That is what causes pimbers and unsightly eruptions. To watery. The priest the blood is impure and very this same condition is deated the blood is impure and very. That is what causes pimb