

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

When I Was a Boy. Up in the attic where I slept. When I was a boy, a little boy, In through the lattice the moonlight crept.

How Butterflies Sleep. Walking through a field some evening you may notice the butterflies sleeping on the long blades of grass.

Ruskin's Advice to Young People. Ruskin has this good advice for young people: "Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults."

Preparing a Speech. Though it is true, as the proverb says, that "the poet is born, not made," yet it is also true that the great poem is both born and made.

As with poetry, so with oratory—the speech that influences public opinion is not only an inspiration but a task.

An Emperor Who Wished to be a Monk. A beautiful story is told of St. Henry of Germany. Being desirous to lead a more pious life than he conceived possible amid the distraction of a court,

Costly Apron Worked by Mary, Queen of Scots, While Awaiting her Doom at the Block. There has recently come to light an apron—probably the most exquisite example of needlework extant—that belied the fingers of the hapless Mary, Queen of Scots.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The young man who is making his way through the world, depending upon his energy, industry and intelligence to lift him higher, must not neglect to cultivate the study of mankind.

Dress Well. We have always been told that we must not measure a man by his dress, but the world still goes on judging people by their external appearance.

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