

THE NAUGHTY LITTLE GIRL.

SHE is cunning, she is tricky,
I am greatly grieved to tell,
And her hands are always sticky
With chocolate caramel;
Her dolly's battered features
Tell of many a frantic hurl,
She's the terror of her teachers,
That naughty little girl!

She dotes upon bananas,
And she smears them on my knees,
And she peppers my havanas,
And she laughs to hear me sneeze;
And she steals into my study
And she turns my books a-whirl,
And her boots are always muddy—
That naughty little girl!

When she looks as she were dreaming
Of the angels in the air,
I know she's only scheming
How to slyly pull my hair;
Yet—why I can't discover—
Spite of every tangled curl,
She's a darling, and I love her—
That naughty little girl!

—Samuel Minturn Peck.

THE measles have become epidemic in Florida, and it is feared that Geronimo will break out again.

THE injury to the cabbage crop by the late frost has caused a slight upward movement in pure Havana leaf.

YOUNG men don't know what their arms were made for, and their ignorance compels us girls to take tight.—*Extract from a young lady's diary.*

"SANTA CLAUS is all very well," said wicked old Baldhead, as he bought a seat for the burlesque show on Christmas eve, "but after all no one knows how to fill stockings like a theatre manager." Down front, please.

"THE trouble is," said Hayman, a discharged leading man, "you New York actors don't pay." "That's just what I was going to say of you Fri-co managers," groaned the Thespian. Two arrests.

THE Copenhagen papers are much wrought up over the fact that the American minister, Anderson, of Wisconsin, eats with his knife at court dinners. They don't understand over there that Democrats have to make up for lost time.

"Yes," said Mrs. Drummer, "I know there have been a great many railroad accidents of late, but still I don't feel very anxious about my husband when he is travelling. You know George is a native Californian and the poker-car is always at the rear end of the train."

"I DECLARE, I was on time on this occasion," said the man who found he'd been sitting on his watch. "Nothing surprising in that," remarked a friend, "for to my certain knowledge you've been going on 'tic' for the last ten years."

ROUND-THE-WORLD STEVENS declined a banquet that was to be given in his honor at an Oakland restaurant. He said that he didn't mind living on sour goat's-milk with the Arabs, and had often been glad to share stewed rats with the Tartars, but still he owed some consideration to his family.

"THERE'S always room on top," said the fly, making for the baldhead.

LADIES' hats are very dear this winter, because we notice they come higher than ever.

"LOOK here," said the birds to the weather-vane, "can't you give us a pointer—is a blizzard coming?" "Oh, you'll get wind of it soon enough," airily said the vane, turning away.

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