There are whipe and tape and pieces of strings.
There are shoss which no little feet wear.
There are bits of ribbon and broken rings.
And tresses of golden bair;
There are little dresses folded away
Out of the light of the sunnyday.

There are dainty jackets that never are worn;
There are tops and models of ships;
There are books and pictures all finded and torn.
And marked by the finger-tips
Of dimpled hands that have faller to dust.
Yet I strive to think that the Lord is just.

But a feeling of bitterness fills my soul Sometimes when I try to pray. That the reaper has spared so many dowers, And taketh mine away: And I almost doubt that the Lord can know That a mother's heart can love them so.

Then I think of the many weary ones
Who are waiting and watching to-night,
For the slow return of faltering feet
That have strayed from the paths of right;
Who have darkened their lives with shame and Whom the snares of the tempter have gathered

They wander far in distant climes,
They periab by fire and flood;
And their hands are black with the direct crimes
That kindled the wrath of God;
Yet a mother's song has soothed them to rest,
She hath lulled them to slumber upon her

And then I think of my children three— My bables that never grow old— And I know they are waiting and watching for

me,
In the city with streets of gold—
Safe, safe from the cares of the weary years,
From sorrow and sin and war,
And I thank my God, with falling tears,
For the things in the bottom drawer.

WIT AND HUMOR.

It is too late for a boy to be good and repent for his ains when he finds himself on thin ice.

The higher education of women-Learning how to walk in French boots with sixinch hools.

Artful Snip-" Dear me! Very sing'lar, sir! Exactly the measurement of the 'Appoller Belvidere,' sir!' Customer orders a A Terseyman says his wife was kicked in

the jaw by a mule. "Did it hurt her?" Bless you, no; but the mule broke his leg and had to be shot!" Young farmer-" Are you fond of beasts

Miss Gusherton? Miss Gusherton—Ob, really, Mr. Pawker, if you mean that as a declaration, you must speak to mamma! The paragrapher who labors six hours and a half grinding out five original jokes and

then labels them "Idle Moments" has a keen appreciation of humor.—Puck. Putting it neatly.—Said a little pet of the household on her last birthday: "It's a love-

ly doll, dear grandpa and grandma; but— I've been hoping it would be twins." A shipping disaster notice in a Glasgow newspaper ends as follows: "The captain

swam ashore, so did the stewardess; she was insured for £5,000 and loaded with iron." It is said if you sit down when assailed by

a ferocious dog the beast will not touch you. But the judicious man will select as high a seat as possible—at the top of a tall tree, for example. Some ingenious observer has discovered

that there is a remarkable resemblance between a baby and wheat, since it is cradled, then threshed, and finally becomes the flower of the family. Without wishing to encourage the world

gabble, we may say that the goldenness of silence is over-estimated. The mute, inglorious oyster is always getting into broils, stews and hot water.

A garrulous fop, who by his frivolous remarks had annoyed his partner in a ballroom, among other empty things asked whether she ever had her ears pierced. "No," was the reply, "but I've often had them

A young man who held a loaded pistol to his head and threatened to blow his brains out unless the girl who had refused him would consent to have him, was coolly told by her that he would have to blow some brains into his head first. He didn't blow.

"Will you be so kind, my little friend, as to tell your grandmother that the man who is taking the census would like to see her?' said a census taker to a young miss of seven summers. The little one hesitated an instant and then replied: "Yes, sir; I'll tell her, but I don't believe she has any .- Troy

A gentleman hard pressed by his tailor was recently at Brighton, when he auddenly met his creditor escorting a lady, who evidently supposed her escort to be a person of distinction. "How are you?" exclaimed the exclaimed the debtor, taking the tailor's band: "Of course I shall see you to-morrow at Lady B.'s. The gentleman has not since heard from his creditor, which shows that gratitude is not utterly extinct."

A market girl sold a gentleman a fine fat goose, warranting it to be young. It turned out, when roasted, to be unmarageably tough. The next day the gentleman said to the market girl: "That goose which you sold me for a young one was very old." "Certainly not," said the girl; don't you call me young? "Yes." "Well, I am but 19, and heard mother say often that that goose was six years younger than I."

QUALIFICATIONS OF BRITISH ARMY RECRUITS.

A general order has recently been published showing the height, age, and chest measurement required to qualify a man for a recruit in the several branches of the Regular Army and Militia. A man is eligible to enlist into the Cavalry from 18 to 25 years, of age; in the Heavy Cavairy (that is to say, in the Household Brigade, 4th and 5th Dragoon Guards, and 1st and 2nd Dragoons) his height must be from 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches; in Medium Cavalry (Dragoons, Dragoon Guards, and Lancers) from 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches, and in light Cavalry (Hussars) from 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches. In the Royal Artillery, artificers and tailors may be enlisted as early as . 7 years of age, and drivers not till they have reached 19 years; gunners follow the some limits of age as the Cavalry. Any height above 5 feet 6 inches will qualify a man as a gunner, provided he measures 35 inches or more round the chest. Artificers are taken at 5 feet 5 inches, and drivers must not be less than 5 feet 4, or more than 5 feet 6. The Royal Engineers follow the same conditions as the Artillery. The Foot Guards take no man under 5 feet 8 in height; while the Line despise nothing over 5 feet 5, the Rifle Regiments not admitting any man taller than 5 feet 7

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from 5 test 4 to 5 test 6, the minimum ches measurements being in all cases 34 inches if under 5 feet 10 inches, and 35 inches if above that height. For the Militia the standard of that height. For the militis the sundary or height is 5 feet 6 inches for Artillery, 5 feet 5 inches for Engineers, and 5 feet 4 inches for Infantry. Men are allowed to enlist in the Militia up to 35 years of ago; in the Regular Army 25 years is the limit, except in the Army Rospital Corps, where succruits are accepted up to the age of 28.

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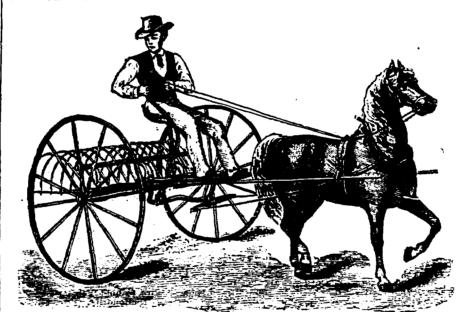
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