

This and That

SOMETHING FOR THEIR MONEY.

Some years ago a railway was being made in the neighborhood of Galashiels, and it was arranged that each of the numerous navies employed should pay one penny per week to a medical practitioner, so that they might have his services in the event of accident or medicine in the case of illness.

During the summer and autumn neither illness nor accident occurred.

But when a severe winter followed, all at once the 'navigator's' began to call on the doctor for castor oil.

Each brought his bottle, into which an ounce was poured, until the oil was exhausted, and the doctor was forced to send to Edinburgh for a further supply.

When that, too, was getting done, the doctor one day quietly asked a decent-looking fellow what was wrong with the men that they required so much castor oil. "Nothing wrong at all, doctor," he replied, "but we grease our boots with it."—Tit-Bits.

POLITRY CONUNDRUMS.

Why is a hen on the fence like a cent? Head on one side, tail on the other.

Why don't hens lay at night? Then they are roosters.

Why is the first chicken of the brood like the mainmast of a ship? A little forward of the main hatch.

Why is the first chicken of the brood like cow's tail? Never seen before.

To conclude: A hen is a very poor economist; for every grain she takes she gives a peck.—John H. B., Portland, Me.

A LITERAL-MINDED CLASS.

A teacher in one of the schools near Philadelphia had one day been so disturbed by the buzzing and the shuffling of feet of the children that she was on the verge of distraction. Finally, she said: "Children, I cannot stand so much noise. Please be quiet for a little while, at least. Let me see if you can't be so still that your could hear a pin drop."

Instantly every child became as still as a mouse. Then a little boy in a back seat piped out, with marked impatience:

"Well, let her drop!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

CAT ADOPTS YOUNG RATS.

Four weeks ago a cat, the property of Hans Hansen, a grocer of Muskegon, Mich., gave birth to a litter of kittens. Mr. Hansen, who is as well known in Muskegon as a

**TRIP THAT PAID.
Ten Miles to Get a Package of Postum.**

Some sufferers won't turn over a hand to help themselves but there are others to whom health is worth something. A German woman living in the country made a ten mile trip to get a package of Postum. She was well repaid, for it brought health and happiness in return.

A translation of the good frau's letter says: "From a child I had been used to drinking coffee daily but the longer I continued drinking it the worse I felt. I suffered with heart trouble, headaches and dizziness. Then I had such an uneasy feeling around my heart that I often thought I'd be to near.

"I gave up drinking coffee and tried hot water but that did not taste good and I did not get well. Then I read some letters from people who had been helped by Postum Food Coffee and I determined to try it."

"I had to go 10 miles to get a package but I went: I prepared it carefully according to directions and we have used it now in our family for nearly two years, drinking it twice a day. It agrees well with all of us. My heart and bowel troubles slowly but surely disappear, it is seldom that I ever have a headache, my nerves are steady and strong again and I am otherwise strong and well. My husband has been lately cured of his sick headaches since we threw coffee out of our home and have used Postum. Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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power in the ward in which he lives as 'Squire McMullen' was ever known in Philadelphia, was making some alterations in his store, and three days after the kittens were born the laborers who were excavating for a cellar foundation discovered a nest of young rats, whose mother had evidently been frightened away from them by the onslaught of the shovellers. The men decided that the young rats would make a nutritious feed for the mother cat, and, collecting them, they carried the vermin to the empty bin in the store where the cat and her little family were housed. The rats were thrown in—and the feelings of the on-lookers can be better imagined than described when they saw the cat lick and pet the little animals instead of making an onslaught on them. Up to the present writing the cat has faithfully and jealously guarded and nursed the young rats, and it is a noticeable and peculiar fact that the whole nature of the rats appears to differ from that of their progenitors. They play and frisk with the kittens and jump all over the back of the old mother, who plays with them. It is a truly happy family. When the news of the peculiar case became bruited abroad crowds flocked to Mr. Hansen's store to see the animals. Those who saw told other doubting Thomases, and they also inspected, going away wondering. The great interest now is to find out whether the family will continue to live in harmony. Despite the peculiar makeup of her family the cat continues to retain her well earned reputation as a "ratter." She has killed many vermin since she adopted the rats.—Philadelphia Press.

THEN THERE WAS SILENCE.

Not long ago a lady was giving a lecture. Her subject was the human figure and the requirements in the way of proportion for beauty. She herself was of generous—one may say unwieldy—size and her manner was supercilious and lofty. She was trying to demonstrate the relative size of the limbs as they really ought to be.

"For example," she said, "twice round my thumb," she held it up, "once round my neck; twice round my neck, once round my waist."

Here she paused and a shrill voice from the audience exclaimed:—

"Twice round your waist, once round Hyde Park."

The lecturer hastily passed on to another branch of the subject.—Tit-Bits.

WHERE COLONEL MILLS RELAXED.

Colonel Mills, superintendent of the West Point Academy, has a reputation for sternness. A subordinate off on a furlough sent him this despatch: 'Will not report to-day, as expected, account unavoidable circumstances.' The tone of the message was not at all to Colonel Mill's mind, and he wired at once in reply: 'Report as expected or give reasons.' Within an hour the following message came over the wires, dated from a hospital in New York: 'Train off—can't ride; legs off—can't walk. Will not report unless you insist.' The colonel did not insist.—Boston Transcript.

QUAINT SAYINGS BY CHILDREN.

A writer in the 'Young Woman' gives some amusing illustrations of the world from the child's point of view. 'Shall we all die?', a little boy asked the other day, and the answer, 'Yes,' paved the way for the very pertinent query, 'Who will bury the last man?' The boy's memory was better than his understanding when he declared that the walls were built around Jerusalem to keep in the milk and honey. Mr. Gladstone's grandchild when taken to the House of Commons was impressed chiefly by the bobbing up and down. She described it as 'the place grand-dad goes to do his 'gnastics.' 'How stupid of you to paint that cow blue,' a teacher said to a child who was coloring a picture. 'Oh, it's blue with cold,' was the answer. The little girl of a Christian scientist ran away from a goat: 'You should not run away,' the mother said. 'Don't you know you are a Christian scientist?' 'But mamma, the child replied, 'The Billy-goat does not know it.'

Bedwin—Helter has rather an offensive way with him. He doesn't know me, never saw me but once before, and yet walks up with a provoking coolness and calls me "my good man."

Ticknor—'Called you good man, did he? Oh, well, as you say, he doesn't know you!'

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In the vale of dark Getsemane,
It came to abide with me,
And alone on the cross on Calvary
I drink this cup for thee.

'Not alone shalt thou take the bitter draught,
For I am holding thy hand,
What I do thou knowest not now, my child;
Some time thou shalt understand.

Oh, trust me now, when the clouds are dark,
And no light there seems to be,
For I never will leave thee comfortless,
And I drink this cup with thee.

'Who shares my cross shall receive my crown;

We are comrades in woe and weal;
Who trusts my love shall receive my grace,
And his forehead bears my seal,
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—Mrs. E. A. Hawkins, in Zion's Herald.

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