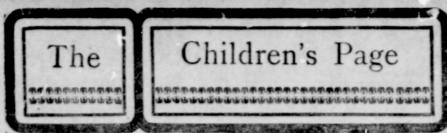
Thursday, Dec. 10, 1908



TO A LITTLE MAID.

How should little maidens grow When they're ten or over? In the sunshine and the air. Wholesome, simple, iresh, and fair, As the bonny daisies blow, And the happy clover.

How should little lassies speak At this time of living? As the birds do, and the bees, Singing through the flowers and trees 'Till each mortal fain would seek Joy her lips are giving.

How about her eyes and ears At this stage of growing? Like the clear, unclouded skies, Not too eager or too wise, So that all she sees and hears May be worth the knowing.

And the little maiden's heart? Ah! for that we're praying That it strong and pure may grow; God Who loveth children so, Keep her from all guile apart, Through life's mazes straying!

-Mary Elizabeth Blake.

A BOY AND HIS BOOKS.

A boy had found he could read with interest nothing but sensational stories. The best books were placed in his hands, but they were not interesting. One afternoon as he was reading a foolish story, he overheard some one say: "That boy is a great reader; does he read anything That the dull. threatening sky of worth reading?"

"No," was the reply; "his mind after his present fashion. He used to he a sensible boy till he took to reading nonsense, and nothing else. The boy sat still for a time, then

arose, took the book and threw it in the ditch, went up to the man who said his mind would run out, and asked him if he would let him have a good book to read.

"Will you read a good book if I let you have one?" 'Yes sir.'

"It will be hard work for you."

"I will do it." "Well, come home with me and I May we practice this lesson you teach

will lend you a book." He went with him and received the

volume the man selected. "There," said the mea, "read that and come and tell me what you have

read. The lad kept his promise. He found it hard work to read simple and wise sentences, but he persever- The word or the smile or the help we The more he read, and the more ed. he talked with his friends about what he read, the more interested he bein which he had formerly delighted. He derived a great deal more plea-

softly to the side of crept moat, they little thought of how they were to be betrayed. The moat had been dry so long that it was thickly overgrown with thistles, and it was not to be wondered at that when the first soldier planted his bare foot on a thistle, with its coat of barbs, he

made a hasty exclamation. But that sound was the undoing of the Danes, and was the means of saving the castle, for it was heard by a sentinel. The garrison was aroused and the invaders were beaten off and forced to fly to their ships and return to their own country.

So the thistle that had been the means of saving the country from the threatened invasion became the national emblem .- Exchange.

THE OLD PICTURE.

(St. Martin of Tours, Feast of November 11.)

I've been thinking to-day of a picture

The noblest of soldiers in France, Who, to shelter a shivering beggar, Was parting his cloak and lance,

And I still can remember the legend, As told by the nurse so revered, How this act of the generous soldier

So pleasing to heaven appeared

November Was flooded with glorious light,

dreary, Again smiled resplendently bright.

Ah! no hero of song or of story To the heart of a child could appeal As Saint Martin, the kind-hearted soldier

Who thus for the lowly could feel. Do you wonder the heavens smiled the history of the Cincinnati schools

o'er him, When having dispensed all his gold, He parted his own scarlet mantle, To shelter the beggar from cold?

O, glorious Patron of Tours! May we merit God's smile of approv- in all the schools of this city.

While helping the lowly and poor We, too, can share our little;

We, too, can make dreary lives bright;

can give

light.

round us.

Without the assistance of gold; from reading good books than And we warm our own hearts, whe we lighten Some heart that is heavy and cold. gan to grow. He began to be spoien Oh, that all men would study his picture.

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was so great that Father Finn, S. sweet, generous disposition with a (3) If the father (or mother, if the J., director of the school, determined heart open to every call. Many per- father is deceased) of a homesteader to give them all the information pos-sible on the subject before them. Accordingly, he has made arrange-of her acts of kindness, nevertheless ments with Mr. Fox, connected with sufficient became known from time the vicinity of the homestead or upon one of the safest and busiest broker- to time to convey to the community a homestead entered for by him in age firms in this city, to pay the pu- the sweet, lovable nature of the the vicinity, such somesteader may pils a visit and to give them all the aged resident who has gone to her perform his own residence duties by information they desire on the sub- reward. ject of stocks and bonds. Mr. Fox Besides her husband, deceased is

will run out if he keeps on reading And the old world, so dark and so will display several kinds of bonds survived by two sons, Patrick in preceding paragraphs is defined as and stocks and will explain to the New York, and Jchn in Colling- meaning not more than nine miles in children the financing of large deals, wood, also six daughters, Mis. a direct line, exclusive of the width the changes in the markets, the pur- Henry, Mary Marcella and Helen in of road allowances crossed in the chase and exchange of stocks and, in Collingwood, and Annie and Bridget

general, anything that is connected at home. May she rest in peace. with the brokerage business that can be given to the general public. This is the first venture of the kind in

and as all of the children, and, in From the Barrie Gazette of Nov. fact, most of the teachers in the pub-

lic or parochial schools of this city Egan, who has been ill for some have never seen or handled bonds or months past, is now on the highway stocks, the innovation will be very to recovery, and when seen by a reclosely watched, and it is possible presentative of that paper, was in

Funeral of Mrs. Patrick O'Malley

that this system of instruction in the best of spirits and showed no bonds and stocks will be introduced signs of his long illness. The many friends of Father Egan throughout the diocese, will be glad to hear the

A little boy said to his mother, "I The funeral of Mrs. Patrick O'Mal- couldn't make sister happy, nohow I ley, which took place in Stayner on could fix it. But I made myself May change hopeless darkness to Tuesday, November 24th, was a happy trying to make her happy." striking testimony of the place she "I make Jim happy, and he laughs, came. Ere long he felt no desire to read the feeble and foolish books We can make a blest sunlight shine had known her. High Mass of Re- valid brother, "and that makes me quiem was sung by Rev. Father happy, and I laugh."

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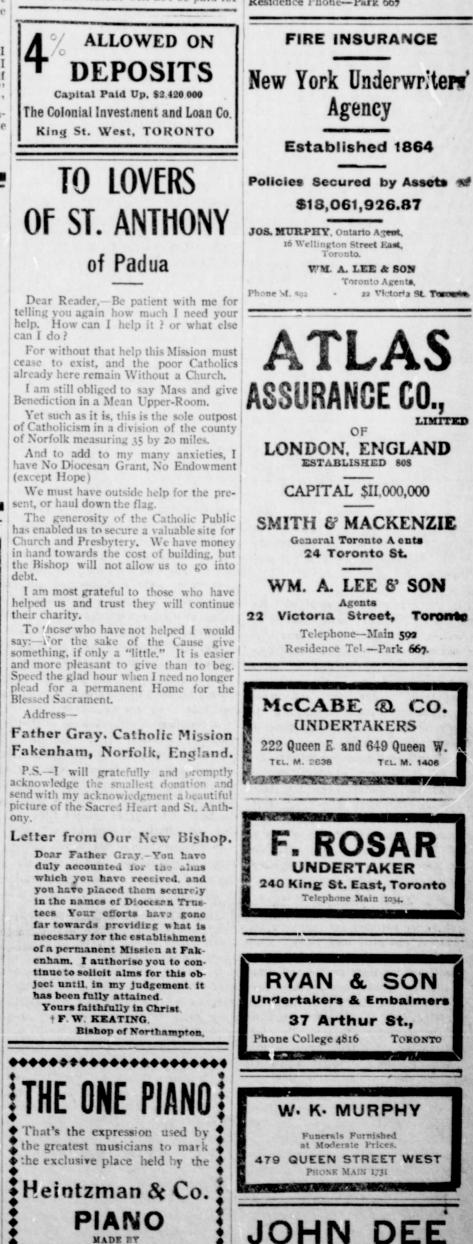
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SCOTLAND'S THISTLE.

Every person who knows anything about Scotland is aware that the dog whose name was Fido. He be-thistle is the national emblem of that longed to a poor woman who did not country; but there are many who have always have food enough to give never heard of the event that led to him. Fido must have thought it over this adoption, and so many wonder to himself in this way: "My mistress why it was chosen in preference to loves me, but she is so poor that ofsome other kind of a flower that had ten she does not have enough tood more claims to beauty. For in- for her own dinner. How, then, can stance, why not a hunch of that hea- she afford to give me mine? I am ther, for a sight of which the heart a strong dog and a wise dog, too, so of every true Scotchman yearns when I must get my dimer without troubabsent from the land he never ceases ling my good mistress. to love; of the bluebell, whose beau- Not far from the place where

song and story? peace was never secure. At this time gar. attacking party appeared in sight. If place in the sun and lay down. surround sleeping foes, all the bet- not have anything to eat for a whole

then a warlike and powerful nation, the bowl in the hole in the door and had determined on an invasion of then walked of. Scotland, and descending on that "Those must be good women strongly fortified castle situated near | trying. be by their ships, they could sally noise he made.

forth to subjugate the country. at peace for a long time, and as was said, and shut the door. quite natural, discipline had been rekept

tion that the moat by which the cas- fore. tle was surrounded had been allowed being near.

Everything was satisfactory to the ringing the bell. invaders. They arranged to make the want?" she asked. attack that night. They would wait "Bow-wow-wow," s Fido. until deep sleep had fallen on the gar- "I know what that means," said rison, and then they would creep the woman. silently through the moat, scale the ner.' walls and fall on the sleeping enemy. So she gave the dog some dinner, An easy victory would be theirs. The and every day after that Fido would might be noiseless. But they had food

thistle into consideration. the American continent that is often tres is surrounded by barbs, which resem- well as himself. army, their sandals thrown aside, dinner .- Philadelphia Record.

And learn from the Patron of Tours That it does not detract from their valor To comfort the lowly and poor.

-T S. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A WISE DOG THAT RANG A BELL

In France there was once a little

ty has been celebrated in many a dog lives there was a convent which was the home of some good nuns.

To learn the reason of the choice and one day as Fido sat near by in we have to go back many long years the sun he saw a beggar ring the bell to the time when might was right, of the convent door. Soon a woman when a country was liable to be at- came out and brought a bowl of soup tacked at any moment, and when and meat, which she gave to the beg-

it was not necessary to declare war | Fido trotted up and looked into the before proceeding against an enemy; beggar's face as much as to say : on the contrary, preparations were "Can't you spare me one of those made as quietly as possible, and very bones?" But the beggar did not see often the first notice that the invaded things in the light that Fido aid. country had of warlike intentions on "Go away, you cur!" said the beg-the part of a neighbor was when the gar. So Fido trotted back to his they could approach in the night and But he was very hungry. He did

day. The beggar over the way as And so it happened that the Danes, soon as he had eaten his food, put

to country, succeeded in effecting a give food to beggars," thought Fido. landing without attracting attention. "I wonder if they wouldn't give me They hoped to be able to surprise a a bowl of soup. There's nothing like

their landing place, and if successful So, Fido trotted across the street they would have a stronghold from and, putting up his paw, rang the which, ably supported as they would bell. "Ding, ding, ding." What a

"There's another beggar after The castle was considered to be food," thought the good nun to herthe key to the situation, and their self; and out she came with a plate hope of taking it by surprise was not of boiled meat, and looked around. unwarranted, for Scotland had been "There's nobody here after all," she "She calls me nobody," thought laxed and a vigilant watch was not poor Fido. "I must try again." So

he jumped up and rang the bell once Spies were sent out by the Danes more. "Ding dong, ding dong. and soon returned with the informa- made a much louder noise than be-

But nobody came. The woman to run dry; and other instances of stood at a back window, watching to carelessness had been observed. Every- see who was ringing the bell. Fido thing showed that there was no ap- waited a while and then jumped up Front St., near Bathurst, prehension of an attack, as they had again and gave the bell a good pull. Tel. M. 211 laughed to find that a dog had been ringing the bell. "What do you 449 Logan Ave

"You want some din-

soldiers were ordered to remove their come at a certain hour and ring the wooden shoes, so their approach bell and the woman would give him

reckoned without taking the Scotch One day she put some food in a basket and said to Fido: "Now,good There is a thistle growing freely on dog, take that home to your mis-

called the Scotch thistle; but this is | Fido took it home safely. His misnot the real article. The true thistle, tress had a good dinner that day as

ble a small thorn in stiffness and pen- Folks came from a distance to see etrative power. So when the Danish Fido ring the convent bell for his H. C. TOMLN, Manufacturer.

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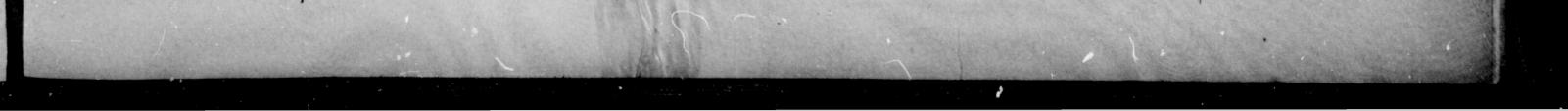
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