might.
"In helping to store this grain away,
Our motto is 'little by little,' " said they. So they busily worked, as the hours flew by, Till their pile of grain was large and high; While the farmer also plodded away, Till the gasin was stored at the close of day. "Wise mice prepare for the future," said they, As they thought of many a cold Winter day.

The farmer took wife and showed her the grain While two little mice from their hole in the efully watched and saw and heard all.

"We worked as hard as you did to-day,
And are much obliged for the grain," said they.

—Malcolm Douglas in Golden Hours.

The Story of the Lillen.

Out among the reeds, close by a bank of alders, lived a family of Pond Lilies. In the rich, soft mud at the bottom of the pond, Mother Pond Lily sat at home. Not a desirable place you and I would think, but just the place for a Pond Lily: and Mrs. P— was in the habit of remarking that she was thankful to be rooted in so pleasant a spot—she was sure she could never exist in such soil as her cousin did, who lived in a sandbank across the channel, very much crowded upon by the plebian yellow Dog Lily, "It will be impossible for her to raise

uch a family as mine promises to be, said this mother with pardonable pride. They were a promising family; and hough as yet only buds they grew day by day, breathed the air, felt the warm sun-light, and floated round and round

as far as their stems would let them. They could swing around quite a cir-le, for Mrs. Pond Lily was a goodhumored mother, and tied her children to her side with a good long apronstring; but she kept a very firm hold of

This family might have been among the happiest, but as usual some of its nembers were discontented.

One of them, Bold Bud, was a grumbler, and when the wind blew, raising little waves, and making the Lily chil-dren dance right merrily, instead of aughing and dancing with the rest he growled out that his brothers jostled

him, that he wanted to be quiet.

And when the pend was still he complained that it was "so stupid." When the sun shone it scorched him, and he love under the water in a pet; and wh t was cloudy his complaint took a still ore dismal tone.

On one point, however, Bold Bud had lways the same mind—the mind to float off independently, and see the world on is own hook. "No, my child," said his mother.

this is the place for you. God placed on here to grow into a beautiful flower; hat is your mission. When you are old nough you can open your eyes and see ne wonderful sky and green earth-ntil then be patient." But Bold Bud was conceited and wil-

See how smart I am," thought this a history of his life until extreme old age and death.

The young was leveled Nothing Why is it the sea, etc. The whole was kitten that has open its eyes?

Why is it the sea, etc. The whole was compared to the sea, etc. The whole was a history of his life until extreme old age and death. ey choose, not I!" But soon it began go too fast for comfort; Bold Bud was irled round and round until dizzy; ere was a terrible rear which seeme make the waters tremble; in vain eld Bud tried to catch at a cliff; he wa ept over the dam and broken on the ks below. That was the end of Bold

The Tiny Bud of the famity always al close under the bank. She only the sun on one side and that made as grow out of shape, but she seemed by the more sweet-tempered for her as fortune, and the Lily Mother loved h best of all and tried to make her loved has been fulfilled.

A common superstition, and one which

the mother. And Tiny Bud was family has a strange legend concerning a family. I will be as happy and cheer was I can, that I may grow sweeter went to visit a friend in the country. sweeter.

Scially to introduce to you grew side ande in the broad sunlight, and every ming found them grown a little upon her.

When shall I open?" said one of N., Silly Bud by name. "I do wish emyself in white and gold." Bud would not be patient, she to flutter her petals open more and y every day.

on will repent it," said the mother half-grown bud makes a miserable

the constant cry of Silly Bud was, | con me, please let me, be a flower to- history.

ast, quite worn out, Mrs. P—said ight be a flower if she would, if o be a warning to her brothers and o be a warning to her brothers and fasten up one edge of the square with a "Nor ever thence"

It was a chilly morning when Silly Bud began to open her outer leaves. She burst them rudely, for they were

not yet ready to unclose, and the edge of one was torn. At last, one by one, her petals slowly spread; but when Silly

one morning, just as the sun rose over the water, her glossy outer leaves partup to the sun the Queen of Flowers, with row on row of dazzling white petals

her that beautiful morning ! how white the clouds! how green the trees! how the birds sang to welcome her! and what a fragrance she sent up in her gratitude! It was worth waiting for to be such a flower. All day long she rejoiced in the sunshine, and when evening came folded up her sweetness and was rocked to sleep by the waves. The next morning saw her almost bright as new, and while she was still fresh a boy came wading in and pulled her from the no regret. She was going now to fulfil her mission, to delight some human eye. It was for this her beauty had been given. So she rejoiced as she went into the basket with her mates, and rejoiced still more as she was placed in a glass, dish by a sick girl's pillow. She spread her leaves, and looked her purest, and smiled her sweetest, and when at night the poor girl closed her eyes on earth to open them in heaven, the beautiful lily went with her in memory, so sharing her immortality—Wide Awake.

Superstitions

An exchange says: Every man, probably, underneath his common sense, hides some lurking superstition. One of the most remarkable instances of this was the firm belief held by one of the most eminent schol rs and divines in this country in a prophecy concerning

While a student in Edinburgh, he saw, one day, a crowd of mischievous then be patient."

In the Bold Bud was conceited and willer thought to himself, "I guess He thought to himself, "I guess him to his room in the college, and takboys stoning an old woman in foreign all. He thought to himself, "I guess know what I wish." So one night he apaxed a mischievous tad-pole to gnaw I the stem which held him, and away I the stem which held him, and away are series of scenes in which he was the actor, explaining them by expressive girl always insists upon lugging home a

The young man laughed. Nothing was further from his expectation than a voyage. The woman left him, refusing the money he offered.

Owing to sudden domestic events, he, with his family, sailed for this country in five days and a sister died on the oyage, and was buried at sea. He became in after life renowned in both the Old and New Worlds for his learning and piety. He was the founder of a grea religious sect, a stern logician, his mental defect being a lack of imagination.

A common superstition, and one which itens and comely.

id Shall I never be handsome?" sighed the dead are permitted at the moment of

leaving her hale and well. One morning, rent the Lily Children that I wished st dawn, one of them was wakened sud-Scially to introduce to you grew side denly, and thought she saw the old nurse beside her, looking sorrowfully down-

"What has happened, Justine?" she

Her sister, it is said, awoke, and saw things that are, to say the least, funny, and that we cannot possibly explain. "I do wish the sister, it is said, awoke, and saw Justine also. She disappeared, looking Tave patience," said the mother and over again;" the longer you the more beautiful you'll be." But came to say farewell to the children she

nad loved so dearly.

Happy guesses or optical illusions will account for whole generations of prophecies and marvellous sights that have been called supernatural—though no one can doubt that both mental and physical phenomen. augh and dance and grow one can doubt that both mental and book of 'Paradise Lost,' where Satah is the rest; I will be sure to tell you it is time to open."

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tiny bow of ribbon.

Some Queer New York Signs.

A New York paper says: There are many ways of getting a living in a great city which one would never think of if one did not see them announced by pla- the same time : cards and sign-boards. It is curious to Bud looked in the water to see herself these were not so white as she had exthese were not so white as she had expected, nor was her heart so yellow. The sky she had longed to see was not so beautiful, being leaden instead of blue, the trees were not so green, the birds only twittered, and, worse than birds only twittered, and, worse than all, a keen wind swept over the water, making the timid young Silly Bud shiver in her white dress.

"This is a most miserable world," she sobbed. "I have been deceived." The mother felt too sorry for her foolish child to say, "I told you so." All day long she shivered and repined, and at the first approach of night was glad to shut up her leaves and wearily sink to sleep—never, never to wake again.

But the last Lilly Child had trusted the stress of the same neighborhood "educates cross degs to be gentle and well-behaved." "Ladies" and gentlemen's feet, and hards are medically attended by the week or month." A bird-fancier in Broadway apprises his patrons that he takes "birds to board." In a cross street on the east side we learn where "dogs'eare and tails are out in the latest fashion." An out-of-the-way tradesman advertises that he buys "cigar stumps at the high-est market price." An eccentric person in the same neighborhood "educates cross degs to be gentle and well-behaved." "Ladies" and gentlemen's feet, and hards are medically attended by the week or month." A bird-fancier in Broadway apprises his patrons that he takes "birds to board." In a cross street on the east side we learn where "dogs'eare and tails are out in the latest fashion." An out-of-the-way tradesman advertises that he buys "cigar stumps at the high-est market price." An eccentric person in the east side we learn where "dogs'eare and tails are out in the latest fashion." An out-of-the-way tradesman advertises that he buys "cigar stumps at the high-est market price." An eccentric person in the east side we learn where "dogs'eare and tails are out in the latest fashion." But the last Lily Child had trusted haved." "Ladies' and gentlemen's feet and hands are professionally and that a Mother Lily is wiser than her Buds, and so waited cheerfully, until Broadway. "Young ladies" are invited to "come in, and learn the name and calling of their husbands," in a neighed, showing pink edges like lips of shells—then the gleam of white between them more and more until there looked table. "Round-shouldered persons made straight" is another announcement with row on row of dazzling white petals growing more and more creamy to the centre till they reached the heart of gold!

How she flashed back the sun's "good morning" from her crown of water drops! How glorious the sky looked to her that heautiful morning how water announcement in the Bowery, and in the same thorough the same through the same that comes from East Broadway. "Ladies deficient in wardrobe are fashionsbly dressed very cheap by the month of year," in Catharine street; and in Division street "Babies or children are hired or exchanged." In Sixth avenue, "Firstclass funerals are thoroughly equipped,' and not far from Tompkins square "Country theatres are supplied with every necessary." "False noses as good as new, and warranted to fit," reads a placard in a region where it is probably the fate of residents to have their noses bitten off during amiable discussions nother root. A little sorry she felt, but with their neighbors. "Marriage certo regret. She was going now to fulfil tificates are furnished at once" in Elizabeth street; and in Rivington street "black eyes are painted over neatly.' In various places "dress coats are furnished at reasonable rates," and "trust worthy information given as to lucky lottery tickets." If one half of all the announcements made here were true, no woman in New York would need to be other than graceful, beautiful and ac-complished, possessed of fortune and happiness, and every man might be rich, gifted, healthy, vigorous, celebrated,

The Funny Things We Do.

Have you ever reflected upon the ery many funny things we do, for which we can give no particular reason How is it that we do not give five cheers, four cheers, two cheers, one cheer? Why is it that we give three cheers and o more? Who can tell?
Why is it that the majority of people

sir right hand in preference to their left, and cannot help smiling at hose who use the latter?

Why is it that a man cannot see a

body into the sea, etc. The whole was kitten that has not even learned how to

Why is it that when any one asks us how many days there are in a certain month, we always say over to ourselves: Thirty days has September, April, June and November?

Why is it that we turn to the right instead of the left, when the left is far more preferable, and if adopted would many an accident on railroad and highway? The driver always sits upon the right of his vehicle; in turning to the right he is farthest away from the wagon he passes, and unless he is an expert cannot tell how close he comes to the wheels of the man who goes by him, whereas, if he turned to the left side he could look straight down, see to the fraction of an inch how close he was approaching an obstacle, and thus avoi Shall I never be handsome?" sighed y Bud.

You shall smell very, very sweet," the dead are permitted at the moment of departure to visit those whom they have loved while living. An old Philadelphia family has a strange legend concerning a faithful German servant, who was the nurse and friend of three generations.

The two young ladies of the family wation. He can view only his own track, and sits upon the right hand track, and sits upon track, and sits upon the right hand track, and sits upon the right hand track, and sits upon while the opposite track, save at a distance, is almost wholly unseen by him.

(On some railroads the reverse is the

Custom, owing to cause we know no of, has established the securious prec edents, and from observation and edu-cation we unwittingly do thousands of

Had risen, or heaved his head; but that the

Had risen, or heaved his hat, etc."

Major and Mule.

The Council Fire tells this story to illustrate that two opposite methods of dealing with mules cannot be used at

Army officers are not all moral men, ted out for government service. Wild mules were being broken; a regular packer was in charge, and, with his assistants, was subduing a refractory animal. The lasso was buried into the neck of the mule, which was wheezing for breath—the boss packer desiring te "choke him down." At this moment the major approached in full dress, hands gloved, and other accourtements necessary to inspire men and mules with awe for the pomp of military power. The men appreciated; but the mule did not seem to be much impressed with the major's importance, being at that time interested somewhat about how to get interested somewhat about how to get his breath fast enough to keep upon his feet. The major's heart was touched by the spectacle. The boss packer and his men were hauling away at the mule, oc-

casionally using impolite words.
"Hold on!" shouted the major; "you don't know how to treat that animal. You needn't be so savage. He's a mule, but he has sense and feeling. Treat him kindly—he'll understand it. Here, let me show you how to tame that

The boss packer, still holding to the lasso, remarked:
"All right, major; but a mule's a

mule, and you can't tell sometimes what he'll do."

"Pshaw! you don't understand that mule," replied the major, advancing and taking hold of the lasso with one hand, and moving slowly forward, with the other outstretched toward the mule's nose, meanwhile motioning with his finger and soothingly saying:
"So-ho, boy! so-ho, boy! See that,

Mr. Packer! Don't you see that mule understands kindness? He knows his friends. Look at his ears coming forward. So-ho, boy! That's the way to treat a mule." The packer tightened the lasso

with his elbow.

The major held on his way with hand ontstretched, soothing the animal with a gentle "So-ho, boy!"

The packer, whose eyes were fixed upon the mule's ears dropping forward,

"Look out, major !" At the same instant the angry quad-ruped grabbed the major's outstretched hand with his teeth, giving it a savage

"Ouch! oh! oh! murder! Choke the mule ! Bring a musket ! Kill himkill him! Oh! oh! a-ha! Kill him!

He's a man-eater ! Murder the brute !" "All right, major. We'll kill him if you say so. You have the say in this matter. He's Uncle : am's mule, major, and you're boss here, of course, and your orders must be obeyed; but, major, it strikes me that's a pretty good mule. He's like any other an' a mule's a mule, an' you can't make nothin' else out of him. He gave you fair warnin' to let him alone by droppin' his ears fo'ward. You thought you knew what he meant when he sot his dippers over his face. I knowed he was mad. I've worked with these animals twenty years, an' I know that there is but two ways of managin' themyou've got to either choke 'em down and force 'em to s'render right at oncejust like you do the raw recruits in the army-or else you've got to teach 'em by degrees, farmer-like : and that takes time and lots of patience. Now, I like the old way the best-if you're agoin' to make pack-mules of 'em—'cause when you get 'em broke that way, why, then they're always broke; but it's then they ain't worth nothin' for anything else but packin' ! If I was breakin' mules for the saddle or for drivin' or pullin', I'd take your plan for it; but I would not mix the plans like you did just now."

Cannibalism has existed among all savage nations. St. Jerome says some British tribes ate human flesh, and the Scots from Galloway killed and ate the English in the reign of Henry I. The Scythians were drinkers of human blood. Columbus found cannibals in America. The aborigines of the Caribbee Islands were cannibals and some South American tribes and most of the natives of the South Sea Islands make it an open practice to eat human flesh.

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