"Who are the oldest and strongest. you or they?"

"We are," answered the spokesman. with a shake of the head, to prove their satisfaction with the honor.

"Yes, you are; so I want to say a few things to you. In the first place, those little fellows have two bigibrothers who will not allow any of you to fight here." (Aunt Lottie knew that a big brother mentagreat deal with the boys. "And," she continued, "it is wicked to fight, and I will not allow it. But I am a friend to boys, and I think they all have rights that must be respected. it was not kind in my nephews to make faces at you, and they must not do it any more. Now, then, if any such thing should happen, if you feel aggrieved by anything that Archie and Jim may do. I want you to ring at the door-bell and ask for Aunt Lottie-that is my name-and I will see to it that it is corrected. Will you promise?"

"Yes, ma'am, we will," the three boys said. And when Aunt Lottie had thanked them she passed on. And the wind wafted to her ears what the boys did not intend her to hear: "Isn't she splendid?" as they got down from the wood-pile and went away.

When Aunt Lottie was helping the boys into their night-gowns at night, she had a good talk with them about the faces and thrashings that had formed the subject of conversation in the morning.

"You, Archie and little Jim, with those boys, remind me very much of what fire and tow are-very good when separate, and very full of harm when together'

"What does tow mean?" lisped Jim. "I wanted you to ask, boys, so that I could tell you that ropes are made of bemp; and tow is old rope picked in pieces. It is dry, and is used to caulk vessels, is easily ignited, so, if you bring fire near it, it flashes up at once. If God has given to you a quick temper, it is the more to your credit to control it, and it honors you to be the victor. But. dear boys, do not be unkind; ugly words stain your souls, that ought to be pure; and if they are not pure, God will never welcome you to heaven .-Now, before you jump into your beds, fix in your minds about the fire and tow, and that we may all remember what a blessing a sweet temper is, let us ask God to belp us to gain and keep such a gift."-N. Y. Observer.

EYE-GATE.

Keep close guard, boys and girls, over Eye-gate. In these days of steam and lightning and printing presses, the Arch-enemy often brings up his mightiest forces over against Eye-gate.

In olden times, you know, they used to build high and strong walls all around their towns. In these walls were great gates to shut out enemies. and to let in friends, and supplies of food and clothing for the townspeople; and on some high place overlooking the town was the citadel, or castle of the king to whom the town belonged. This was strongly fortified, and was the last point of defence. When an enemy seized this, they were complete masters of the whole place.

So old John Bunyan writes of the "famous town of Mansoul," in a story called the "Holy War" which everyone should read. This town of Mansoul had five gates, which , like the walls, could never be opened or forced but by the will and leave of those within. The names of these gates were, Ear-gate, Eye-gate, Mouth-gate, Nose-gate, and Feet-gate. There was reared up within the town a most famous and stately palace, with the great and good king who built the town intended for himself alone, and committed the keeping of it only to the men of the town.

When I see a boy or a girl spending their time over trashy novels I want to cry out, "Mind Eve-gate sharp! an enemy is about." When I see then interested in the sensational weeklies and story papers that swarm through the land, and, like the frogs of Egypt, are found on every side, even in the bedrooms, and in the trunks and pockets of brighteyed boys and girls, I say in sorrow, "Alas! Eye-gate has been left open and the frog of discontent has already hopped in." Soon lessons at school will be too dull to be studied, mother's wishes and father's commands will seem to irksome to be carried out, and the boy's thoughts and the girl's dreams will be of anything but duty.

When I see a boy or girl who likes to gaze upon the illustrations of crime and vileness that are sent out in every direction, I know that the foul frog of uncleanness has entered that soul and ruin and desolation are not far away. Soon the citadel of Mansoul, the fair castle of the Lord, the heart, with its precious treasures will be defiled. Satan will himself enter with his destroying forces, and the end is easy to see. O boys and girls, as you value your soul's salvation, set a strong guard ouer all the gates, and especially over Eye-gate.

THE REV. JOHN HENEY NEWMAN, who has just been made a cardinal by Leo XIII., is seventy-eight years of age. After graduating at Oxford with classical honors, he became vice principal of Saint Alban's Hall, and in 1826 became tutor of his college, which post he held until 1831. In 1838 he accepted the incumbency of St. Mary's, which he held until 1843. He there preached the remarkable series of sermons, published by Rivingtons, which has made him famous wherever the English language is spoken. In 1845 he seceded from the Church of England and joined that of Rome, and was, after being ordained priest, appointed head of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, at Birmingham. In 1854 he was made rector of the newly founded Catholic university in Dublin, but resigned in 1758, and afterward established a large convent and a church, and a school for the sons of Roman Catholic gentry, at Edgebaston,

THE population of the globe is estimated in a late number of Petermann's " Mittheilungen" at 1,439, 147,300. The following is probably the nearest approximation ever made to the number of believers in the various faiths of the world. How so accurate a census was arrived at the encyclonedist does not inform us:

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Jews	7,931,080
Roman Catholics,	186,860,076
Greek Church,	82,926,049
Protestants,	131,091,941
Mohammedans,	103,453,594
Majians and Parsees.	1,007,190
Buddhists, religions of the East	
and Pagans.	483,015,475

Another estimate, apparently founded on the same premises, gives it thus :-Jews, 8,000,000: Christians, 371,000.000: Mahommedans, 103.500,000; Hindoos, 139.500.000; Buddhists, 483,000,000, and believers in aboriginal fetichism, 189,000, 000, thus making a total of 1,294,000,000. The following is the estimated number of religious denominations amongst Englishspeaking communities throughout the

Episcopalians,	17,750,000
Methodists of all descriptions,	14,000,000
Roman Catholics,	13,500,000
Presbyterians of all descriptions,	10,000,000
Baptists of all descriptions,	8,000,000
Congregationalists,	7,000,000
Unitarians,	1,000,000
Minor religious sects,	1,500,000
Of no religion in particular,	7,500,000
English-speaking population,	80,250,000

JOYFUL NEWS FOR THE AFFLICTED.

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A TALK ABOUT TOBACCO.

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