

IN SPITE OF HIS BIRTH.

The man was devoted to her—his eyes scarcely left her face, but dwelt upon her with a lingering, dotting fondness which plainly betrayed how his whole heart was wrapped up in her—that she was the "apple of his eye"...

luminescent smile breaking over her lovely face. "Do you spell it H-a-t-h?" "Yes," Ned replied, wondering at her question, but feeling a strange interest in her.



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concentrated gaze, and she recognized him instantly, for, forgetting her caution while watching her, he had parted the curtains sufficiently to reveal his whole face. She did not start nor make a sound, but her eyes dilated with a frightened look, and she seemed to become suddenly frozen where she stood.

FOR LITTLE PEOPLE.

A TEACHER'S DREAM.

'Twas Saturday night, and a teacher sat Alone, her task pursuing; She averaged this and she averaged that Of all her class were doing; She reckoned percentages, so many boys, And so many girls are counted, And marked all the tardy and absent ones, And to what all the absent amounted.

MERCURY FOUNTAIN.

A fountain of mercury is the most interesting sight in a big exhibition now being held in London, and it attracts large crowds every day. Mercury, or quicksilver, is nearly 14 times heavier than water, and it must seem strange to see floating and large chunks of rock floating around upon its surface in the lower basin. The mercury fills to a constant level in a glass tube which stands in a basin seven feet above the one in which these objects are floating, and it is raised back up into this upper basin by an "endless chain."

"THIS LITTLE PIG CAME HOME."

A correspondent of a New Jersey friend writes to him that he has a very sensible pig. He says he had more pigs than he wanted to keep, so he sold one to a man living in a neighboring village. The little pig had been living in the pen with his brothers and sisters and had never been outside of it until the man who bought him put him in a basket, tied down the cover and put it in his wagon to carry to the new home.

of his natural life at his old home.

Christian Work.

"LEARNIN'" BY MEASURE.

"I want you," said the old farmer, "to give Bill about six dollars' worth o' schoolin'—provided you'll take it out in trade. For instance, I'll start him on three bushels o' corn; then, when that's out, I'll keep him a-movin' on a couple o' smokehouse hams; I'll give you a young heifer ter learn him writin', an' a home-raised cow ter beat figgers in his head."

ENOUGH OF HOMER.

"That venerable man," said the guardian spirit, who was showing him about the place, "is the poet Homer. Would you like to meet him?"

GEORGE AND PA.

"Paw was reading in an almanack that I Bro' home from the drug store last nite, and pritty soon he comenct to laf."

"'Whas rong?" maw ast. "This is rong?" paw says, "Lissun and I'll read it To you. 'Why is the Mistake of a Docter not as bad as that of a Dentist? Do you no?" paw ast.

"No," maw told him. "'Beccoz,' paw red, 'one fills six feet and the uthr fills an aliker.'"

"How do they do that?" paw maw ast. "'Beccoz they make a mistake,' paw anserd.

"Which makes it?" paw ast. "'Both of them,' paw says. 'Didnt I just read it? That's why the mistake the docter makes nite as bad as the dentusts.'"

"Why not?" paw ast. "'The docter only fills six feet,' paw anserd, "and the dentust fills an aliker."

"I dont understand about the feet," maw told him. "Why does he fill six feet, and what does he fill them with?"

"Paw began to look kind o' glossy, out of his eyes, and he red the pork again to himself, so he would be sure he didnt make Enny mistake. This he says:

"Why, you see if a Docter would make a mistake it mite be fatle, and so he would fill six feet of uthr with a man, Beccoz the man would be About six feet long, you no."

"I dont see much to laff at about Sutch a thing," maw told him. "May be it mite be a man at all, or a te he mite be short."

"Oh well," paw says, "it just says he would be a six footer so to make it come in funny with the aliker."

"What does it mean by that?" paw ast.

"That's the joke," paw says. "Which is?" maw Told him.

"Why, the aliker, you no." Paw anserd.

"Where are they enny joke about That?" maw ast.

"The dentust fills it, you no," paw sed, but he didnt seem so ve very sure about it no more.

"Yes," maw told him, "but you sed he made a aliker of you f?"

"No," paw says, "I didnt make a aliker of you f?"

"But you did," maw told him.

"Why, I didnt make a aliker of you f?"

"You did," maw told him, "lookin' at you f?"

"Well, you didnt make a aliker of you f?"

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ENGLISH PHRASES TOO MUCH.

French Woman Has Trouble in Making Herself Understood.

A French woman living in Chicago who has been in this country only a year has been having a terrible struggle with the English language. Very often she is completely bewildered by the variety of ways in which the same idea may be expressed, but she is even more perplexed by the variety of ideas denoted by the same expression. She has a young woman friend in Paris who is an expert milliner. The girl in Paris is in the habit of coming to this country to try her fortune, and also to be with her old friend. The Chicago lady, erstwhile of France, is extremely desirous of doing what she can for her friend and has been making strenuous endeavors to secure her a situation. A few days ago she went to one of the largest stores in Chicago with a letter of introduction to one of the proprietors. The letter was presented, and the proprietor, after reading the letter, asked what he could do for madam.