The Secret.
A CERTAIN family is convinced that its eight-year-old hopeful is destined to become a great scientist. He has already begun to see the Not long bero this youngster was look ing at a drop of water through was look soope. Here, there, and everywhere were darting animalculae.
"Now I know," announced the child to the family, "what sings when the kettle boils. It's those little bugs."

## No Punishment.

$S^{\mathrm{H}}$E was about ten years old, and apparently very unhappy. A swollen face served to diagnose the case at a glance as an advanced stage of toothache. Over the door they entered was a sign which, being interpreted, read "Doctor of Dental Surgery."
The mother had led her to the opera-ting-chair and smoothed back her tousled hair as she laid her head in the
little rest. Looking her straight in her little rest. Looking her straight in her eye, with finger poised for emphasis, cry, I'll never take you to a dentist again,"

## According.

M ISTRESS "to prospective servant): "And what wages have you been getting?
Servant: "Well, you see, ma'am, wages vary according to what you do." Mistress: You mean that the more pect?", Ser
shat yount: "Oh, no, ma'am. That's brother is a student of political econo my and he says it's just the other way the more you do, the less you get

## That's Another Story wis

walking up to the ticket-taker he said with an air of authority
"Let all these boys in, and count then they pass."
The gateman did as requested, and when the last one had gone he turned "and said; "Twenty-eight, sir."
"Good," said the man, smiling as he walked away, "I thought I guessed right."

## The Whereabouts.

IT is taking some time for the flood of stories anent the discovery of the North Pole to sweep past. Along comes this belated one from old Kentucky:
The owner of a plantation said to a
favorite darky. "Morite darky:
Mose, they've discovered the North "Deed!" exclaimed the old negro.
"Where at?"

## Euphemistic.

T fe negro on occasion displays a fine discrimination in the choice of words.
town?" enquired the new ritewasher
"Ale Hall am a now resident.
whitewash brush, sah," answered the whitewash brush, san, answered the colored patriarch eloquently.
whitewash my chicken house town and row." "Ah don't believe, sah, Ah'd engage Ale Hall to whitewash a chicken house, sah." "Why didn't you say he was a good whitewasher?"

Yes, sah, a powe'ful good whitewasher, sah, but mighty queer about a chicken house, sah; mighty queer." Human Life.

His Preference.

They're all right to fetch and to carry or that's
But daddies have no place to snuggleTheir arms are not fashioned quit
The Siand ${ }^{\text {Might }}$ Man won't come at their bidding;
Wee kiddies wants mudders at night. Hubert McBean Johnston, in Canada Monthly.

## Wasn't That Slick?

THE usual crowd of small boys was gathered about the entrance of a pushing end town one of the interior. A trying to get a glimpse of the interior. A man standing near watched them for a few moments, then

Wheat has a beard
Grapes have skin

## Same as Most of Them.

 first time his naw wearing for the first time his new long trousers, clined to everybody. So, when a felr artist called to inquire about a ketches, he nose and, with a fine bow, said:The editor is much obliged to you or allowing him to see your drawings, but much regrets that he is unable to "De them."
"Did the really say that?" she asked "Well,
ma'am, but what he really said was
'Take 'em away, Joe; they make me

## Saskatoon.

By Cy Warman.
There's a town that's coming strong, askatoon,
And it's coming right along-
Coming soon,
There, the summer winds are low, Youre can stand and roses blow; You can stand and see it grow-
Saskatoon.

In a valley, O, so fair, Saskatoon,
See the railways will be there, Very soon);
Sunny skies and fields of gold, Land you'd like to have and hold, Place to have your fortune told, Saskatoon.

Pearl, then, of a Promised Land, Saskatoon,
Shimmering, chinook-wind-formed, Saskatoon,
Fairest land from sea to sea,
Land of opportunity,
"One best bet," take that from me, Saskatoon.
-Canada Monthly.

## An Awkward Situation.

ATRAINED ostrich recently disconcerted its exhibitor at a music to break away from all restraint and to climb over the footlights into the orchestra.
The widely-advertised act came to sudden end, and the professor emerged from behind the curtain and apologized for the actions of his pet in about these
"Lydies and gentlemen.-Hi ham very sorry to disappoint you this hevening We are compelled to cease our hengagement until the management hengages a new horchestra leader.
"The one at present hemployed 'ere bird takes it top of is head, and my Neres a hege."Detroit Neres-Tribune

## The Consoler.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$ $N$ exchange recounts the following conversation between a minister that day.
"My brother," said the preacher "I
know that this is a great grief that has overtaken you, and though you are compelled to mourn the loss of this one
who has been your companion and part her in life, I will console you with the assurance that there is another who sympathizes with you and seeks to em race you in the arms of unfailing love" To this the bereaved husband replied by asking as he gazed into the minister's
"What's her name?"

## A Simple Request

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make me a boy again, just for to-night Give me a go at the food that they fry pie, Free from all Confident, even in as to what I dige mustard or ginger will soothe me
again.

Fain would I seek with a juvenile zes he cupboard instead of the medicine chest;
rerms rom the spring where the nstead of from crit
rafts foaming
Give me not wealth nor the badge of the proud,
Nor a place on the platform, high over
the crowd. But give me, oh, give me my old appe-tite-
Make me a boy again just for to-night
-Washington Star.

## Trouble

${ }^{6}$ D y you have much trouble with your automobile?", more if I was married to the tht have machine."-Detroit Free Press, blamed

## An Obliging Maid.

" $I \mathrm{~S}$ Miss Wheaton at home?" asked one of the neighbors of the spinster, as he called at her door "She is that" ret her to a petition. three weeks over from is that," Celia Leahy, most willing handmaiden. "Will yez step in, sorr?"
"I should like to see her on a matter of business for a few moments if she is not engaged," said the neighbor him in flung wide the door and wave him in.
"If she has wan, he's neglectin' her shameful," she said, in a hoarse, con-fo-morr whisper, for 'tis three weeks to-morrer since I came here, and he's not put his foot over the t'reshold in all The Youth's Companion your chanst."-

She Knew the Dressmaker.
$\mathbf{M}^{R}$. and Mrs. Eebeesee were about to start for the matinee.
ut of A comely young woman came floor her apartment on the second tairway preceded them down the stairway.
"If you are going out, Miss Brytiez," umbrell sugested, you'd better take an "O I'm It looks like rain." maker's," she said going to the dress"But isn't it paid.
when going to the dressmate wet even "Yes, indeed the dressmaker's? -Chicago Record Herald.

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