Hippity hoppity-ho! This way, that way, thus and so; That's the way the children go-Hippity-hoppity ho!

Joe and Charley, Bell and Kate, Hippity-hopped down to the gate, Where they met a jolly mate-Hippity-hoppity ho!

Charley hopped across the road. Just like any hopping-toad In the very funniest mode-Hippity-hoppity-ho!

"Let us try a hopping race," Quick said little laughing Grace; And all set off at a hopping pace-Hippity-hoppity-ho!

The boys thought sure they'd beat the Bothered so with strings and curls :

So put in some extra whirls-Hippity hoppity-ho! How it was I can not tell,

The race was won at last by Bell, Unless because the others fell-Hippity-hoppity-ho! Charley fell and bumped his nose; Grace and Katie tore their clothes;

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Hippity-hoppity-ho!

-Nursery.

And all the hoppers stubbed their

NAMING THE CHICKENS. BY MRS. L. B. RACON.

There were two little chickens hatched out by one hen And the owner of both was our little boy Ben; So he set him to work, as soon as they came, To make them a house and find them a name.

As for building a house, Benny knew very well That he couldn't do that; but his brother Phil Most handy at tools for he,d been to college, Where boys are supposed to learn all sorts of know-

Phil was very good-natured, and soon his small Had a nice cosy home for his chicks and their mo-

ther;, And a happier boy in the country just then Could not have been found than our dear little Ben.

But a name for his pets it was harder to find, At least such as suited exactly his mind: No mother of twins was ever more haunted With trouble to find just the ones that she wanted.

There were plenty of names no doubt about that, But a name that would do for a dog or a cat Would not answer for chickens so pretty as these Or else our dear boy was not easy to please.

There two tiny chickens looking just like each other: To name them so young would be only a bother. But with one in each hand, said queer little Ben, 'I want this one a rooster and that one a hen.'

Benny knew them apart by a little brown spot On the head of the one that the other had not; They grew up like magic, each fat feathered chick, One at length was named Peggy and the other named Dick.

Benny watched them so close not a feather could In the dress of those chickens that he did not know: And he taught them so well they would march at command,

Fly up on his shoulder, or eat from his hand. But a funny thing happened concerning their names Rushing into the house one day Benny exclaims, Oh mother! Oh Phil! such a blunder there's been, For Peggy's the rooster and Dick is the hen!" -Christian Union

THE MOUSE WHO LOST HER TAIL

About twenty-five years ago my mother little grey mouse was running across the pantry floor, a great black and white cat please to give me back my nice long tail ?"

"Yes," said the cat, "I will give it to you if you will give me a saucer of milk." So the mouse ran down to the barn. where an old red cow was tied in the stall. and said. "Please, old cow, will you give me a saucer of milk for the cat, so she will

you give me back my great long tail?" The cow said. "Yes I will give you the milk if you will bring me a bunch of hay."

Then the mouse went to the farmer, who was ploughing in the field near by, and said to him, "Will you please to give me some hay for the cow, and then she will give me a saucer of milk for the cat, and the cat will give me back my great long tail?"

The farmer said, "Yes, I will give you in my corn crib and eat my corn."

And as the little mouse said she would "never, never touch the corn," the farmer gave her a bunch of hay, which she gave to the cow; and the cow gave her a saucer of milk, which she gave to the cat; and the old cat gave her back her great longtail, which made the mouse very haypy but, best of all, she kept her word and did not touch the farmer's corn.—St. Nicholas.

## WHAT AILED A PILLOW.

While Annie was saying her prayers Nell trifled with a shadow-picture on the wall. Not satisfied with playing alone, she would talk to Annie, that mite of a figure in gold and white, golden curls and snowy gown, by the bed's side.

"Now, Annie, watch!" "Annie, just see!" "Oh Annie, do look!" she said, over

and over again. Annie, was not to be persuaded, finished her prayer, and crept into bed, whither her thoughtless sister followed, as the light must be out in just so many minutes. ing and "ohdearing." Then she lay quite 'Dr.' are ruled out, and the names of lay- | u 16 -u tc

awhile, only to begin again with renewed

energy. "What's the matter?" asked Annie, at length.

"My pillow!" tossing, thumping, kneading. "It's as flat as a board, and hard as a stone; I can't think what ails it."

"I know." answered Annie, in her sweet serious way.

" What ?" "There's no prayer in it."

For a second or two Nell was as still as a mouse, then she scrambled out on the floor, with a shiver, it's true, but she was determined never afterwards to try to sleep on a prayerless pillow.

"That must have been what ailed it," she whispered, soon after getting into bed again. "It's all right now."

I think that is what ails a great many pillows on which restless heads, both little and big, nightly toss and turn; there are no prayers in them. Nell's remedy was the best, the only one. Prayer made the pillow soft, and she sank to rest as under a sheltering wing .- Selected.

### I GRABBED QUICK.

Johnny one night climbed up into his mother's lap, and laying his head on her shoulder, said in a low sorry tone:

"I took that glass marble, mamma."

"Took it from whom," asked his mother. "Took it from the ground," said Johnny, "Did it belong to the ground?" asked his mother; "did the ground go to the shop and buy it?"

Johnny tried to laugh at such a funny thought, but he could not.

"I saw it on the ground," said he. "What little boy had it before?"

"Asa May's it is, I guess," whispered Johnny.

"When you put out your hand to take it, did you forget, 'Thou God seest me'?" asked his mother. "Did you not hear a voice, saying, 'Don't, Johnny! don't Johnny!'

"I didn't hear it," said the boy, sobbing, "I grabbed quick!"

"Johnny is not the only one who has 'grabbed quick," at some forbidden thing -too quick to hear the still small voice within. It is better not to grab too quick to take time for thought and prayer; to watch and pray, and to resist temptation. and to avoid the stings of a guilty conand to avoid the stings of a guilty conscience, and the sorrows and stains that sin brings upon the soul.—Selected.

PORTER TO BEGIN WITH-PART-NER TO END WITH.

In "Boswell's Life of Johnston," there is an amusing account of the biographer's first introduction to the great lexic grapher and his efforts to conceal, in deference to Dr. Johnson's well-known antipathy to Scotchmen, the fact that he was born in the "land o' cakes." His desire was, however, f: ustrated by Davies, the bookseller, who roguishly introduced Boswell as a Scotchtold me this story: One morning when a | man, whereupon the latter said, in a conciliatory manner, "Mr. Johnson, I do indeed come from Scotland, but I cannot pounced on her, and bit off her nice long help it." This remark was somewhat untail. The little mouse felt dreadfully about | fortunate for Boswell, as Dr. Johnson reit, and she said to the cat, "Old cat, will torted," that, sir, I find is what a great

many of your countrymen cannot help. Whether they can help it or not, a great number of Scotchmen find their way across the border, and enter into peaceful competition with Englishmen in various departments of industry. Mr. W. E. Foster, M. P., referred to this on the occasion of being presented with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh, and attributed the success obtained by our Scotch friends, not to the possession of any superior ability, but to the fact of their having received a sound elementaryand technical education. He also related the following story told

him by a Bradford merchant :---A Scotchman lands at Bradford and applies to a large merchant for a situation. The master says, "What situation?" "A the hay if you will promise me not to go porter if you please." "Are you sure you you mean porter?" "Yes," he says porter to begin with, but partner to end with." The merchant supplemented this story by informing Mr. Foster that he had engaged three porters from Scotland,

all of whom are now his partners. We are not prepared to accept Mr. Foster's view, that the success of Scotchmen is due to their education alone, as we strongly suspect that their indomitable energy, perseverance, thrift, and economical habits have much to do with it. At the present time education is the great theme for prominent politicians, and though the advantages to be obtained from it are worthy of all praise, still we ought to remember that it does not comprehend or overshadow all the virtues.-Hand and

SIMPLICITY .- The " Methodist Recorder," Pittsburgh, of May 20th, says " It is worthy of remark that, in the published Minutes of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Baltimore, the names of the members are Presently Nell took to floundering, punch- given without titles. The 'Rev.' and the

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