

FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS.

Said the first little chicken, With a queer little squint, 'Oh, I wish I could find A fat little worm!

I want you to read this little story, for it is just as near like some boys that I know, as can be, they want somebody else to do all the scratching while they waste their time in play.

Little boys and big boys who want to run on the streets all the time, while their poor mothers are scratching off the ends of their fingers at the wash-tub trying to earn a little money to buy bread and clothing for them.

A Needed Reform.

This from the Tablet is sensible: "If we were asked, where in our judgment, was there most need of reform, in the methods employed in educating the deaf, we would say not in motto or oralism, not in using more sign-man the order of the language, or in the natural order, but in employing more spelled and written English in our intercourse with our pupils, and cultivating among them a taste for reading.

A Ghost Story.

If all persons were as superstitious, fearless and sensible as the squire in this story, which J. N. Oxley tells in Harper's Young People, all "ghosts" would be found to be as harmless, if not quite as laughable, as the one Squire Macdonald investigated.

About a mile beyond the Beech Hill stood Squire Macdonald's store, and one dreary night in late autumn there came thither first, Rory O'More, and then Sandy Big John, and finally Alce Gillies, all in a high state of excitement, and asserting with much positiveness that they had seen the ghost on Beech Hill.

But this time the testimony of the terrified witnesses happened to agree remarkably. The ghost had appeared to all in precisely the same form, namely, as a white, shapeless thing that rolled along the ground, uttering shrill and threatening shrieks.

"Hark ye now," said the squire at last. "I believe you're nothing better than a parcel of foolish boys, and to prove it I'll go up to the Beech Hill myself and see what it is that has come so nigh scaring the life out of you."

Thus speaking, he got his coat and hat and calling upon them to follow, set off for the scene of the ghost's walk. Rory and Sandy and Alce would much rather have been excused, but pride overcame their timidity, and they followed in their leader's track.

"There it is again!" exclaimed Rory, with trembling lips. "Can ye no hear it, squire?"

"To be sure, I can," responded the squire, stoutly: "and I'm going to see what it is. Come along."

When about the middle of the ascent he saw the ghost. It was, as the men had reported, a white, shapeless thing rolling upon the ground, and from it undoubtedly came the piercing cries which had proved so alarming.

Going straight up to the thing, the squire touched it with his foot, then bent down to feel it with his hand, and then burst out into a roar of laughter that at first startled the three farmers almost as much as the ghost's shrieks.

"Come here, you fools!" he shouted "Come and see what your ghost is."

In a hesitating way they drew near, and examined the cause of their affright. It was a white meal-bag containing two very lively young pigs, which had in some way fallen off a farmer's wagon into the middle of the road, there to prove a source of terror to the superstitious and perhaps not altogether sober passers-by.—Ex.

Young Ladies who are Always Behindhand.

Was there ever a young man who did not, some time in life, cry out to himself that he wished to heaven some one would write something about the girl who always keeps him waiting when he comes to take her to church, or to the theater, or perhaps for a buggy-ride?

He sits and smiles patiently enough at the pictures on the wall and the pretty bric-a-brac strewn about the parlor. But down deep in his heart he is thinking: "What in the name of common sense can be keeping that girl? If I were late five minutes—ay, the hundredth part of a second—she would never forgive me. She would say, as does Shakespeare's Rosalind: 'The man who fails to be on time in keeping an appointment with his sweetheart, the hundredth part of a second, is not in love.'"

Perhaps he has invited her to the lecture, and has not had time to secure the tickets in advance, and is depending upon getting there early to secure good seats; and at such a time he groans in agony, as he counts off the moments—the swift, gliding moments—by his watch, and wishes that he had had forethought enough to have set three-quarters of an hour in advance as the starting time.

A man is never sure of a girl who is behindhand, and he vaguely wonders what he should do with such a girl for a wife—supposing for instance, that he

were in some business that required punctuality in getting his meals, that he might be off in time. He feels pretty sure, as he reviews the matter, that with such a girl he might depend half the time upon starting out with an empty stomach, or a cold bite, at best, for breakfast wouldn't be ready on time.

Let me give you a word of advice, girls. Be always on time when you have an appointment to go to any place with a young man; have your coat and hat, even your gloves on, when he rings your door-bell, though you do keep him waiting two minutes in the parlor that he may not suspect you were eagerly watching for him from behind the closed blinds upstairs.

"Impatient woman as you will! In cheerful homes to-night to hear The sound of steps that soon or late Shall come as music to your ear. Forget yourselves a little while, And think in pity of the pain Of women who will never smile To hear a coming step again."

because they did not know the value of being on time in keeping an appointment!

Worthy of Notice.

ONLY those who once heard, and have become deaf can appreciate the terrors of deafness, and can feel for those who are in any danger of this impediment. In this connection the subjoined clipping is worthy of being shown to parents of young children:

The greatest care is necessary in washing the ears of little children. They should be washed outside, but on the inside only so far as the finger, wrapped in a soft towel, will go. The practice of forcing a hairpin or any other hard instrument into the ear passage is fraught with danger of injuring the membrane, causing permanent deafness. Earache is a malady of childhood and causes most distressing pain. The simple remedy for it is to take a little cotton, dipped in warm sweet oil, and put in the ear passage.

A danger that may arise from doing so simple thing as this is, according to the New York Tribune, that minute particles of the cotton may be left in the ear. To prevent this, some physicians advise making a little wad of cotton and wrapping it in the finest and thinnest linen cambric that can be found, and dipping this in warm sweet oil. In case of intense pain, a few drops of hot ladanum or camphor may be used with the oil.

You Will be Wanted.

Take courage, young man. What if you are but an humble and obscure apprentice—a poor and neglected orphan, if you have an intelligent mind, all untutored though it may be, a virtuous aim and honest heart, depend upon it, one of these days you will be wanted. The time may long be deferred. You may grow to manhood, and may even reach your prime ere this call is made; but virtuous aims, pure desires and honest hearts are too few to be wanted. Be chivalric in your combat with circumstances. Be active, however small be your sphere of action. It will surely enlarge with every moment, and your influence will have constant increase.—Ex.

Mrs Adela E. Eritt, wife of Prof. G. D. Eritt, of the Virginia school, died on June 22nd in Greenville county, Va.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes.

SCHOOL HOURS:—From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 3 p. m. DRAWING CLASS from 3:30 to 6 p. m. every day and Thursday afternoons of each week. GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS ON Monday, Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3:30 to 5. MUSIC CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3:10 to 4. EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8:30 p. m. for pupils and from 7 to 8 for Junior pupils.

Articulation Classes.

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p. m.

Religious Exercises.

EVERY SUNDAY—Primary pupils at 9 a. m. senior pupils at 11 a. m. General Lecture at 2:30 p. m., immediately after which the Church will assemble. EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 4:45 a. m., and the Teacher in-charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble, after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner. EPISCOPAL VISITING CLERGYMEN:—Rev. J. Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Parrish, V. G., Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian), Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian), Rev. Father O'Brien.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments.

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTRY HOOPS from 7:30 to 9 a. m., and from 12:30 to 3 p. m. for pupils who attend school. Those who do not attend school, from 7:30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p. m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shop will be closed at noon. THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 3 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 8:30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No work on Saturday afternoons. In the Printing Office, Shop and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition. PUPILS are not to be excused from the various classes of Industrial Department, except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent. Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors.

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Holidays or Holidays, except the regular chapel exercises at 12:30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visiting on ordinary school days is as soon after 12 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 1:30 o'clock.

Admission of Children.

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leaving taking with their children. It only makes discontent for all concerned, particularly the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation.

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging of pupils or entertain guests at the Institution. For accommodation may be had in the Hotel, the Kyle House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management.

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. Correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission on each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence.

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FROM PARENTS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as far as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of Deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors, who advertise their cures and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 999 cases out of 1000 they are frauds and only waste money for which they do not return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventurousness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.