

For Boys And Girls

An April Fool

By Harriet F. Blodgett. A little bud beneath the snow dreamed that it was the time to go; and, waking up, he hurried so to leave his cosy bed...

But while he called—alas! alack!—A saucy wight whose name is Jack came up and tucked him on the back...

When Dickie Had the Measles. We found we had to hide his shoes. His stockings, trousers, waistcoat, coat...

A Sea Dog. Benny was a dog with little acquaintance with the shore, for he had been brought on board ship when a small puppy...

A Smile: A Laugh. "Your friend is an artist, I think you said." "No, sir, I did not. I said he drew pictures for the daily papers."

Schoolmaster Now, Smithson, we have read of the principal reigning monarchs of the world. Which ruler inspires the most respect and fear?

"Did you hear about Bachelor?" "No, what now?" "I hear he fell a victim to woman's charms!" "You don't say so?"

An Englishman and a Scotchman had a dispute as to which of their respective countries had produced the most eminent men.

"Hortensia," said her father, "will you have some tea?" "If you refer to the farmacia tubers which pertain to the salanum tuberosum, and which are commonly grown as potatoes..."

"He reasons in a circle." "Ah! That accounts for his arguments never coming to an end."

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The Poets.

The Mendicant.

I met Him today in the wintry street. The Christ on the cross who died. All hunched and cold in the wind and sleet...

Had he only come with the crown of thorn Or the nail-pricks ruby-red, Had the palms that pleaded for alms and woe...

Nay, nay, for the blind distinguisheth The king with his robe and crown; But only the humble eye of faith Beholdeth Jesus of Nazareth...

I saw Him not in the mendicant And I heeded not His cry; Now Christ in His infinite mercy grant That the prayer I say in my day of woe...

A poet in the rosy prime And blithe and dewy morn of time, When song was natural as breath, Three songs sent forth to fight with death...

And one he made to please the crowd; It pleased them and his praise was sweet; It pleased them greatly for a day, And then its music died away.

And one he made to please the few; It lived a century or two; 'Twas sung within the halls of kings, Then vanished with forgotten tunes.

And one he made to please himself, Without a thought of fame or praise, But sent it forth with doubt and fears, And it outlasted all the years.

Good Samples at the White House. Mrs. General Grant made the first move against intoxicating liquor at the White House...

KIDNEY WAR. How Inadvisably It Wages, But How Quik the Surrender, and How the Flag of Truce is Hurledly Hoisted...

It has been truly said that every charitable institution in Greece owes its prosperity to Queen Olga. The great Evangelismos Hospital at Athens...

Every contribution—however insignificant—to the funds of the hospital passes directly through her hands before reaching the treasury...

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