

Children's Page

BOWS AND BRAIDS.

(By Rose Mills Powers.) When little girls most anywhere are With hair cut very short and straight

around And one big bow a-top their tresses caught.

You may be sure they've never even thought Of growing up, or longer skirts, al-

though They may be even eight or nine or so; It's in the way their hair is done, you know.

When little girls most anywhere we

With hair all parted down and tied Their ears in two big bow-decked

braids, be sure They're feeling quite grown up, and can endure

That you should think they still are Not if they're only five or six or so; It's in the way their hair is done, you know.

-Youth's Companion.

SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF.

Supposing your age to be about filteen years or thereabouts, you can she jumped up hurriedly. "I'm be figured up to a dot. You have to the kitchen," she announced. 100 bones and 500 muscles; your blood diamater, it beats 70 times per minute, 4,200 times per hour, 1000,800 times per day, and 30,722,200 times per year. At each beat a little over two ounces of blood is thrown out of charges about seven tons of that wontain a gallon of air, and you inhale 24,000 gallons per day.

The aggregate surface of the air spread out, exceeds 20,000 square valid pored over his time table notinches.

The weight of your brain is three pounds; when you are a man it will nerves exceed 10,000,000.

layers and varies from one-eighth to lacking in her husband, she, as each The area of your skin is about 1,700 very quiet and sat with her restless an atmospheric pressure of fifteen read or talk or do anything but sing 500 sweating tubes of perspiratory ing. pores, each of which may be likened "(to a little drain one-fourth of an inch long, making an aggregate length lived without him these five long in the entire surface of your body years. I have missed him so much, of 201,166 feet, or a tile ditch for draining the body almost 4 miles

JOE'S VACATION.

One cool summer morning an old man, bent with age, crippled with rheumatism, by both made querulous, was sitting in an invalid's chair in his library, and though his face occasionally twitched with a sudden twinge of pain, it was brighter than usual as he watched his brisk little wife busying herself about the room and then lost himself in the careful perusal of a time-table.

"Well, Charles," said Mrs. Hamilton at length, "everything is ready and now we have only to wait until evening. Joe's room does look beau-Annie has worked in it for days-she's almost as anxious to see the dear boy as we are--and I gave it the finishing touches last night. got out the old dilapidated books he used to keep on his table and the rather shabby fishing tackle he had the last summer he was at home. My, my, that was five years ago. Do you think, father, we shall find him much changed?" she asked anxiously, then rattled on without waiting for an answer, "He says he's thinner than when he went East; poor boy, I am afraid he has worked too hard at those dry law books."

Her husband continued to pour over the Pennsylvania folder and apparently paid little heed to what she said. "He must be almost to Indianapolis by this time," he announced at last. "He'il change cars at St. Louis at 7 o'clock this evening and get out here by eight if the eastern train is on time. Now I hope he won't miss his connection, he will have only a few

know Joe to miss anything he really each word spells the first word. 3. wanted? I am sure the boy is wild Then all the second letters of each as if he actually wanted to be taken with delight this minute at the word spell the second word. 4. Then and kissed. Which was exactly what always so excitable, and he's been so homesick, poor child," she mused. fourth and fifth. 5. Then commercing happened. And not only that, but the happened happened happened happened happened happened with the last letter of each word. thought of seeing us so soon. He was all the third, and so on through the happened. And not only that, but the "Do you remember, Mary, how, when he was at St. Xavier's College, he used to count the days as the holi-

days drew near?" "Yes, each letter would tell us whether it would be ten or fifteen or twenty days until he'd get home and then he'd add in parenthesis, 'It will

be two less when you get this." Suddenly the invalid laughed as he had not done for many weeks. "And Mary," he cried, "could you ever forget the time when he was a little fellow, that he bought a blue glass dish to give us for a Christmas present? He got it at some country station and just as he reached the door he dropped it on the stone steps and broke it into a thousand bits."

"Yes, and he cried so bitterly that you gave him money to get us something else which comforted him at once, though he was very much afraid Rome that at Papal audiences the with some English writers to attrihe could not find anything to replace it as beautiful as the glass dish had of it. The Pope will often stop be- backwardness - to say we (the Irish

am going to send him to Stanley's for a box of cigars. No"-as his wife was about to interrupt-"I know all about those you have stored away for long suffering callers, but I want some of this year's. You can't impose those dry ones on a New York man like our boy," he said with infinite scorn, then added irritably, "I wish I knew what brand to get. If that disagreeable Dr. Masterson had not forbidden me to smoke these past twenty years I would be more of an authority on the matter. I notice the old fellow always has a cigar in his own mouth-but then it's all my own fault, he knows better than to pay some one to tell him that they are 'poisoning his whole system,' he grumbled.

His wife wisely made no comment but sent for Silas and was silent until her husband's savage mood had passed, then she remarked pleasantly, 'I met Miriam Marshall yesterday and told her that Joe is to be home for two weeks. Her face flushed crimson and she smiled delightedly. I have always thought she is very fond of him, and has been ever since they played together as children."

"Certainly she is, everybody is." "But I don't mean in the way all his friends are, I imagine-" and she nodded significantly. After a pause she jumped up hurriedly. "I'm going 100 bones and 500 muscles; your blood "Wait a moment, Mary," her hus-weighs 25 pounds; your heart is near-band called after her and then when ly five inches in length and three in she reappeared ut the door he went on, "We must not have dinner until Joe gets here, no matter how late it

"Oh, no, not for the world. I have ordered what he likes best, especially it: and each day it receives and dis- chicken and cherry pie, and a great deal of both. You remember, father, derful fluid. Your lungs will con- that the amount of either of them he can dispose of is really marvellous!' The day wore on as all days of waiting do, whose every hour seems cell of your lungs, supposing them to made of twice sixty minutes. The ining each mile of his son's way, and again explaining to his wife exactly where he was at that moment and weigh about eight ounces more. Your | what the next stop would be; while the mother, usually busy and bustling Your skin is composed of three and full of the joyous spirit utterly one-fourth of an inch in thickness. hour brought her son nearer, grew square inches, and you are subject to hands folded in her lap too happy to pounds to the square inch. Each within her own heart, "He is comsquare inch of your skin contains 3,- ing, my child, my little Joe is com-

"Oh, father," she exclaimed once, "I don't understand now how I have more than anyone can guess.'

About half past six the bell rang long and loud and both old people started, then laughed at their "foolas they called it. too early, he isn't quite to St. Louis yet," said the father.

A maid came into the room bringing a telegram for Mr. Hamilton and his wife leaned over his shoulder as he opened it and together they read: "Have gone to Mackinac with friends for vacation. Will write and explain.

Mr. Hamilton's hand fell limply to his side and the telegram rustled to the floor. Minute after minute passed and no word was spoken. "I think I shall go up and

his room," said the mother at last in a low voice that trembled piteously. As she slipped away she heard one stifled sob, and glancing back saw the poor, broken, feeble father with his face buried in the well-nigh worn out time-table.

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AN INGENIOUS SENTENCE.

minutes to make it," and the old the mower will wear his wheels." It standing a few yards away, with man looked up at his little wife, his is, in fact, something like a non- his arms stretched out and a beau-"Of course he won't," she answered ed encouragingly. "Did you ever same. I. spells back and forward the forgot the rest, and the ladies were same. 2. Then the first letter of taken aback to see him was toward. next to the last and so on through. handed down as an heirloom in that

MORE PRECISE.

Bobbie, aged five, saw a cow grazng in his mother's flower-garden, and shouted, "Scat! scat!" The cow didn't seem to be much intimidated, and calmly ate on. Threeyear-old Mary, dancing with excite-ment, exclaimed: "Tell him to 'scow,' Wobbie, tell him to 'scow'!"—The Delineator.

The Holy Father and the Little **Dublin Boy**

(From "Rome.") "Mary, you have always said I have to converse with the most charming virtues that lead to what they call horrible taste but even I realized that familiarity. One day last year some material prosperity. We are often we didn't lose a treasure when that glaring blue thing was broken though as I helped the poor little fellow to Pope's let hand and accompany him courages industrialism. Yet here is gather up the pieces he kept repeating, 'And it was such a lovely color and I selected it all by myself.'" the Pope addressed a few words to trade and manufactures with leaps The old man smiled reminiscently, one of the kneeling pilgrims. When and bounds, attaining the highest inhappily, forgetful for the moment of those memorable Sunday afternoons dustrial supremacy in southeastern the pain and confinement that weighed so heavily on his spirits—and his temper—day after day.

"Where's Silas?" Mr. Hamilton asked rather crossly some minutes later. "I haven't seen him to-day. I those memorable Sunday afternoons in the Cortile della Pigna, where the Holy Father preached to thousands on the Gospel of the day, had to be abandoned, the Holy Father substituted for them receptions in the Vatican for the boys and girls of which kept their millions of people,

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Rome who had made their First with their fine intelligence and their Communion that morning. On these great intellectual powers, in almost occasions the Pope seems to grow complete seridom to German and foryoung again as he goes among the eign influences. But the Slav in young people, giving them medals, Russia, in Poland, and all over the schools or their homes, and then talk- happily rousing himself up to the ing to them collectively.

his mother and grandmother. He justly to aspire to. was very prettily dressed, and he had But the English papers, if they tell been elaborately trained in what he about the advancement and prosperwas to do when he entered the Holy ity of the Slav, will take care to say Father's presence—he was to make nothing of the Catholic element in three genuflections and then to kiss the matter .- New World, Chicago. the Holy Father's ring if he was allowed. He must not be afraid, but he must be very good. It was all beautifully arranged. Before going to the Vatican they had a last re-The grandmother stood in little fellow came in, made his three genuflections, kissed her hand, and then drew aside. At the Vatican, too, he got through the first part of The following curious sentence, Sa- his ceremonial with perfect aplomb. tor arepo tenet opera rotas, is not But when he raised his head after first-class Latin, but may be freely bending his knee for the first time translated: "I cease from my work; and saw the white figure of the Pope sense verse, but has three peculiari- tiful, fatherly smile on his face, he the Holy Father with his hands lifted spells the first word. 6. Then the for him, which will doubtless be

Catholicity and Material Prosperity

young man's family.

As to Catholicity and material prosperity a correspondent, Mr. Richard J. Kelly, barrister-at-law, remarks on the subject in an article in the Durlin Freeman's Journal. which he tells of his experiences dur-ing a recent visit to Bohemia, a country which is three-fourths Catholic, with a population a little larger than that of Ireland. It is industrially, Mr. Kelly writes, the most advanced and most progressive country in Europe-as much so as Belgium, also, it must be remembered, a Ca-It is a well-known fact here in tholic country. It is the fashion young people ave always the best bute to Catholicity much industrial fore a little boy or girl and begin people), as such, are wanting in the

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(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

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