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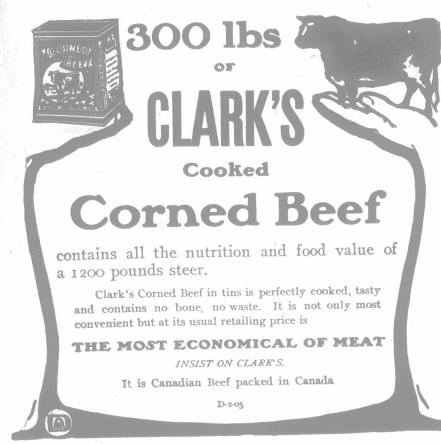
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#### The Poor Black Chicken.

Out of the barn one morning Old Whitey came strutting down; No common inferior hen was she, But a Dorking of great renown.

And after her came ten chickens; Running with all their might; Nine had their mother's complexion fair, But one was as black as night.

Old Whitey looked over her shoulder And clucked to each little pet; But suddenly, angrily, stretched her neck And flew at a small brunette.

All day she pecked at the chicken Whenever she saw it near, And Dinah, the cook, at the kitchen door,

Heard its pitiful peeps of fear.

"I'm blessed if that stuck-up Dorkin" Don't hate yer for bein' black ! But one culled pusson can feel for an-

We'll pay your old mudder back."

So, laughing, good-natured, Dinah Quick lifted the little wight, And shaking the dredging-box carefully o'er him,

Lo! presently black was white.

Then away ran the floury chicken, Looking like all the rest;
And silly old Whitey contentedly clucked As he nestled beneath her breast.

Dinah nodded and laughed at the mother; "Yer fooled, honey, sure, but den When folks every day take appearance fer

Why shouldn't a foolish old hen?"

# Why Charley Lost the Place.

Whistling a merry tune, Charley came down the road, with his hands in his poekets, his cap pushed back on his head, and a general air of good-fellowship with the world.

He was on his way to apply for

a position in a stationer's store that he was very anxious to obtain, and in his pockets were the best of references concerning his character for willingness and honesty. He felt sure that there would not be much doubt about his obtaining the place when he presented these credentials.

A few drops of rain fell, as the bright sky was overcast with clouds, began to wish that he had brought an umbrella. From a house just a little before him two little children were starting out for school, and the mother stood in the door smiling approval as the boy raised the umbrella and took the little sister under its shelter in a manly fashion.

Charley was a great tease, and, like most boys who indulge in teasing or rough practical jokes, he always took care to select for his victim someone weaker or younger than himself.

"I'll have some fun with those children," he said to himself; and before they had gone very far down the road he crept up behind them, and snatched the umbrella out of the boy's hands.

In vain the little fellow pleaded with him to return it. Charley took a malicious delight in pretending that he was going to break it or throw it over the fence; and, as the rain had stopped, he amused himself in this way for some distance, making the children run after him and plead with him tearfully for their umbrella.

Tired of this sport at last, he relinquished the umbrella as a carriage approached, and, leaving the children to dry their tears, went on towards the store.

Mr. Mercer was not in, so Charley sat down on the steps to wait for him. An old gray cat was basking in the sun, and Charley amused him-

pinching the poor animal's tail till she mewed pitifully and struggled to escape.

While he was enjoying this sport Mr. Mercer drove up in his carriage, and passed Charley on his way into the store. The boy released the cat, and, following the gentleman in, respectfully presented his references.
"These do very well," Mr. Mercer

said, returning the papers to Char-ley. "If I had not seen some of your other references, I might have

engaged you."
"Other references? What do you mean, sir?" asked Charley in astonishment.

"I drove past you this morning when you were on your way here, and saw you diverting yourself by teasing two little children. A little later a dog passed you, and you cut him with a switch you had in your hand. You shied a stone at a bird, and just now you were delighting yourself in tormenting another defenceless animal. These are the fenceless animal. These are the references that have decided me to have nothing to do with you. don't want a cruel boy about me."

As Charley turned away crestfallen over his disappointment, he determined that wanton cruelty, though it seemed to him to be only "fun," should not cost him another good place. 

### The Little Gentleman.

I knew him for a gentleman By signs that never fail; His coat was rough and rather worn, His cheeks were thin and pale-A fad who had his way to make, With little time to play; I knew him for a gentleman By certain signs to-day.

He met his mother on the street; Off came his little cap. My door was shut; he waited there Until I heard his rap. He took the bundle from my hand, And when I dropped my pen He sprang to pick it up for me. This gentleman of ten.

He does not push or crowd along; His voice is gently pitched; He does not fling his books about As if he were bewitched. He stands aside to let you pass; He always shuts the door; He runs on errands willingly, To forge and mill and store. He thinks of you before himself He serves you if he can. For in whatever company The manners make the man. At ten or forty 'tis the same ; The manner tells the tale, And I discern the gentleman By signs that never fail.

# A Kitchen Slate.

A kitchen slate has proved a very useful article in my home; in fact, to me it is worth its weight in gold. There is no clasping of despairing hands over a forgotten loaf of cake. There is no, "Oh, I forgot it," when the children find holes in their stockings and buttons off their clothing; for there it is on the slate, "Stockings to darn," "Buttons to sew on." Such notes can be added while the ironing is under way or while one is battling with the dishpan. Buy a good slate, take off the frame, and have the slate framed in an attractive oak frame. Upon the back place screw eyes-two for hanging, one for a stout cord for the pencil, and one for another cord to hold the sponge. A slate of this kind is very convenient if one keeps a servant or kitchen maid, for one may leave in writing directions for the day's duties or the menu for the Many other duties may be day. entrusted to the slate, which has a better memory than the housewife. The slate makes a much appreciated gift for a bride.-[G. B., Mich.

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