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interesting incidents of School Life Cathered by Planet Junior Correspondents

The Planet Junior regrets that it is unable this week to furnish Chairman McKeough's report of the judges in the essay competition, but can promise it definitely for next week. The work of going over and carefully examining so many excilent

done."
Oh, that was nothing ma'an, called back with a pleased grin, he rang to start up the car. "My cat-aunt was Barunn's fat wo-an. Experience counts."
Another woman, of dignified aparatic and appreciable weight, was aveiling not long ago. She is a singuished speaker, and entered than very sfeel after a course of others and greatly in need of rest, he found she was to have an upter berth, in which she never sleeps ell, and she asked the conductor, a nodly man of about her own age, if sould effect an exhange for a wer one. It was not easy to aringe, but after a good deal off trough the finally succeeded. When she anked him he responded genially. "Glad to do it, ma'am-glad to do I've got a befty mother myself, ou see, and I shouldn't like to think her having to vault into one of the mappers."—Youth's Companion.

Heaven sends us mistortane oral tonic.

a systeful man, a better than an

Be worthy of yourself at any cost;
you are worth the price.

Love is romantic. Matrimony is
decidedly a matter of fact.

Passion is blind; sound judgme concentrated in light.

## BOTH CONDUCTORS HAD HAD EXPERIENCE

## HOW LEW WALLACE WROTE "BEN HUR" MEASURING GAME

IS GREAT FUN

The death of Gen. Lew Wallace brings out abundant recollections of him which emphasize above all the fact that his was no accidental or cherply won success, "Ben Hur" was, the great selling book of the United States, its popularity only equaled by that of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Over a million copies of it have been printed, and at one time the sagen question from hip to hip was "Have you read 'Ben Hur'?"

This literary triumph, as Harper's bulletin reminds us, was earned by genuine hard work, which cosupied the author for seven years.

"Ben Hur" is full of the most graphic pictures of Palestine, although at the time it was written Gen. Wallace had never seen the Holy Land, But be had studied through maps and books. Even its birds and sumals were vivily real to him. Nothing contented him but to read everything that bore upon it in the way of travel, scentific havestigation or geography.

He had scores of maps, and worked with them before him. The best guide of all was a relief map of Pulestine, which hung upon the wall for constant service. With its aid he fook his characters through the mountain passes and up and down the hills, measuring their daily travel by the scale of miles, They with him, were actually in Palestine.

hill yery fur. won't push a man BR Happiness often hangs on a thread that is expeedingly slender. fiss Mabel Sparks will spend her omer holidays at Bay City and fullon.

Just think! A week from next Thursday is our pients.

A Hallman re-union will take place on the 22nd June at Berlin. The special excursion will last from the 9th to the 27th.

The McKeoogh School annual plonic will be held on June 22nd. The sports and games will begin at 630. Some boys were fishing in the river the other day when they noticed a ready found it was a dead sturgeon about three feet long.

The girls on Joseph St. have started a club known as Maple Leaf Club David Plook is having his scow made ready for unloading sand-sows and digging purposes.

The yacht Marion and her crew have returned from the lighthous, where they were raising logs.

Miss Eula Bell, of Walkerville, has moved back to Chatham, where she will attend the McKoongh School.

On Thursday the Shamrooks beat the Wallaceburg team in a game of harcese Teeumsch Perk by 13 to 3. On Juesday they defeated the Chippewas 6-0. They look like a pretty strong team.

Liga Watt expects to spend her summer vacation in Sarnia.

Miss Marris, of the Methodist S. S., is taking her class to Mitchell's So, to Daninion Bay. ham township more than ten trees were uprooted by the recent storms. Ross and Jean Duncan had an exciting game of croquet Thursday. Their dog. Togo enjoyed it as much as they did, as he chased the balls. Norman Caddy, of Detroit, was in the city this week visiting at the home of S. Horu.

Raiph McGubbin is thinking of moving his family to Windsor Mand will be missed very much in Room VII.

A young man in North Chatham, who was carrying a siteel-pointed umbrella during one of the recent severe storms, had it struck by lightning while in his hand.

Mrs. E. Redmer, of Windsor, who was tisiting Mrs. J. Redmer, Grant St., has returned home.

Rose Highey left Chatham, 'terday afternoon for Mitchell's B. ... Mr. and Mrs. J. Show, of Head St., spent Friday at Kent Bridge.

Pretty roses were painted by Gertrude Horne, Harry Horstead, Eva Horne and Stella Christner, this week.

Mrs. Christner, of Chatham, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Green, Thorn-pliffe.

Alan Riley stands first in Room V.
this month.

The painting in our room at school on Thursday was good.

We had some fine strawberries at school this week. They were painted by Aleene Watt.

The girls on Joseph St. are getting up a club. They meet every Wednesday night to play gapes, and have splendid meetings.

Almost every one knows that the head of an ordinary horse is as long as a barrel, but, not many persons would have thought it so without measuring. When you have a rainy day or a dull evening try a distance guesting contest. Let each player have pencil and paper and write down the list of thinges to be measured. All have a voice to making up the lists. Some one suggests height of the table. In deach pats opposite his guess of the height in feet and inches. In the same way other objects are severed and the distances guessed—with of door, dimensions of room, length and height of market piece, distance around Claire's neek or Jack's head, dimensions of books and boxes, beight of chairs, pictures and cases, height of chairs, pictures and cases. Finally the papers are signed and exchanged, and some one with tape line or rule measures the various distances. The best guess for each object is marked by a cross, the poorest by a cipier. It will be anusuing to see flow wild some of the guesses are.

Misery loves company, but compa does not reciprocate,

There is always a brilliant light to illumine the road to ruin.

The real church is what is left after the service is over,

## POSSIBILITIES OF

The following rosette view of the possible future extension of wireless transmission is taken by Eugene P. Lyle, Jr., in an article on "The Advance of Wireless," contributed to the World's Work. Says Mr. Lyle. It may be that wireless will enter almost every sphere of human activity. In "railroading, there will be small excuse for collisions when an engineer can be overtaken-between stations, or when he can hear from a fellow engineer on the same track long before the tatal curve is reached. Already London is trying a wireless five-alarm system. Perhaps the device can even be made automatic by a thermostatically controlled attachment.

## KIND OF FISH

## THAT CANNOT SWIM

More than one apecies of fish is met with which cannot swim, the most singular of which, perhaps, is the maltha, a Brazilian fish, whose organs of locomotion only enable it to crawl, or walk, or hop, after the malmer of a toad, to which animal this fish to some extent hears a resomblance, and it is provided with a long updurned snort.

The anterior (breast) fins of the maltha, which are quite small, are not capable of acting on the water, but can only move backward and forward, having truly the form of thin paws. Both these and its other fins are very different from the similar fins in other fishes, and could not serve for swimming at all.

Other examples of non-swimming fahes include the sea-horse, a most peculiarly shaped inhabitant of the sea, which recembes the knight in a set of chessmen; and the starfish, of which there are many specimens, that mostly walk and crawl on the shore or rocks, both being unable to swim.

A glove isn't much good unless is on hand when it's wanted.

The man who attempts to rest his laurels is soon forgotten.

## WIRLESS TRANSMISSION

No

An inventor is in the field with a An inventor is in the field with a wireless telephone, another with a submarine wireless telephone. A Frenchman declares that he has a tel-autograph which by wireless reproduces handwriting. Airships will of course wish to communicate with one another; at the St. Louis Fair one has already "talked" with the earth by wireless. And can a torpedo be guided to its victim without a wire?

Indeed, the most astounding prospect of all that suggested by Mr. Nikola Tesla-for Tesla proposes the use of wireless in transmitting energy. Ponder a moment on what such a thing would mean. A central plant would generate power and send it out to customers via the air alone, who there across a desert or over the high sees. An automobile climbing the Alps might get its "pond" from London or Paris. An ocean liner would need no boilers, no dynamo, no cost Steam, heat, light would all once up to it from the land. A lone stuchman in Arzona might setup a pooket-receiver and learn the latest news. Millions of such little receivers might be operated from a single central station. Even the mantel clock in a country home might tick in unison with every other clock in the world, all responding to the same wireless impulse.

A DOG THAT

HAS COW'S HOOF

A dog with hoofs like a cow owned by Daniel Brown, of Logan port, Ind., and is a cross between shephord and a spaniel. If was pu chased by Brown from Miles Dicke a Panhandle engineer three

Panhandle engineer, three years ago, when a pup, but not until recally did the hoofs grow on its feet, and the owner is at a loss to know for account for them.

The growth has appeared on all four feet and is as hard as horn. When the dog walks across the beard floor of the saloon whore it is kept there is a sound like the pattering of a couple of children with wooden shoes. In the British N butterfly which wa most minimal way other butterfly in the world was take

SHOT

## GOOD NEWS

## FROM VENICE

George Ade. The author of the well known "Fables in Slang," recently heard that an old lady from the neighborhood down in Indiana where he was born was in New York on a visit to a granddaughter. Mr. Ado thought shat theatre tickets would be a litting attention, and on consulting her as to her their of plays alte explained that she had seen the "Merchant of Venice" over thirty years ago, and had always had a strong desire to witness it again. He accordingly looked to it that her wish was gratified.

Calling the next day, he asked her how she found that the performance compared with the one of long ago.

"Well," she ceptied, "Venice seems to have spruced up a right smart bit, but that shylock is the same mean, grasping critter that he used to he used on a steamship New South Wates, amusing themselves mark with a rovol man was about to remarkshy large ing toward the shiping above the deels, gled. The creature to the deels, gled. The creature were in its mutilate the pieces were and finally they rentomologist, who a specimen of an an never before seen on an ever before seen merer before seen merer before seen world.—Philadelphi

When people trusomebody is sure t

Don't talk about fellow who owns horse sense to the an automobile.

When love flies out of the window alimony steps in at the door.

that which enables which saves us is

Trying to keep young is one of the pidest schemes of the age.

THE HEDGEHOG FROWNS

TO PROTECT ITSELF

The man who other inventor in the who left his native at the lack of recognington. Lord Salish of old age than any . This mechanica son of a wood turns he says, "with a comore skill in handle of his mind soon he to a carriage built working and before paratory to a better in 1873 he took not perfected until destruction came it aswers a kick that it that he then saw fact that he took not perfected until destruction came it is aswers a kick that it that he then saw fact has in the recoil might be his experiments was that marders huma of 1877 his attention of 1877 his attention of 1877 his attention of problem he has attered invention of problem he has attered in the problem the heristing, the then he he which employs 14,0 and of the here of which time he he which employs 14,0 and of the here of which time he he which employs 14,0 and of the here of the here of the machine problem to which time he he which employs 14,0 and the series of the here of which time he he which employs 14,0 and of the here of The Inventor of the Automatic Gun

who has invented more deadly instruments of war than any
in the world's history is Sir Hiram S. Maxim, an American,
active country about twenty years ago in a burst of indignation
recognition of his genius shown by this government at WashSalisbury said of him: "He has prevented more men from dying
n any other man who ever lived."

handling the knife than the education, and a jack knife." He showed
handling the knife than the education, and the mechanical turn
on becoming evident, he was apprenticed when he was fourtent builder. After four years of this service he studied metal
before he was trently one was foreman in a machine shop prebetter position in the extensive works of his uncle.

• took up the problem of his famous automatic gun, which was
until eleven years later. The inspiration of this invention of
me from the kiel, of an old musket he was using: it was so
that it threw him over and bruised his cheek. When the stars
are faded away, it occurred to his bright mind that the energy of
til be caught and utilized to reload the rifle, and the result of
its was the Maxim automatic machine gun, a death-dealing affair
humanity in war at the rate of three thousand shots a minutene of his many improvements in ordinance and explosives. In
riflor was turned to electricity, and some of the earliest electric
rifle were invented by him.

• took up his permanent residence in England, and became a
ct and was knighted by Queen Victoria four years ago. The
on of Sir Hiram, who, it is said, has never failed to solve any
as attempted, is an airship that really does by—so many of the
one of Sir Hiram is shown by his carrying the flying
lem through thirteen years of his busy life, during a large part
of his man here.

## WONDERFUL BUTTERFLY

# SOME STATISTICS

# BY A PISTOL

Museum is a rare was obtained in a way. Probably no u any collection in the same

ABOUT HONG KONG

The building inspector's office is opposed to the mirror-lined elevators of the city, but no action has been taken for the removal of the mirrors, although the new code forbids the use of looking glasses in elevator acque construction. Deputy Building Inspector Fongee believes many elevator acqueents are attributable to the looking glasses.

"They are usually placed at such an angle that a woman stepping up to one blocks the passageway," said he. "Often she will forget that a portion of her safer provinces beyond the grating, and aerdents ocur in this way. Not only women and are inchesed to grow forgetting of personal safety."

No estate can make him rich that has a poor heart.

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ino boy could resist it, but this the stout old gentleman who was stop ping along in a gingerly manner failed to realize. He thought nothing about it until he collided with the boy who knew the slide for the best to be had, and they both went to the ground; the boy, who was small and thin below, and the old gentleman, who was stout, on top. The old gentleman found the boy much softer than the sidewalk would have been, but when he had regained his footing he looked with dignified reproof at his late oushion. "My boy," he said, "it is evident that one of us should apologize, and as you seem to be out of breath, if say that I am sorry this unseemly incident occurred."

"You—you're not half—half as sorry us—as I am," panted the boy.—Youth's Companion.

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WONDERFUL BUTTERFLY

SHOT BY A PISTOL

# ORIGIN OF THE SALT SUPERSTITION

The original superstition of salt dates from the overfurned salt collar which is found in the painting called "La Sainte-Sene." In front of the Tigure of Judas Jesariot, who wears the leather bag in which he carries the 30 pieces of silver received for betraying Ohrist, is the overturned salt cellar. But why did the artist, Da Vinel, put the spilled salt before Judas I Because the ancients always attached to salt an idea of ruin and desolation. When they burned down a town they spilakle salt over it to show that it was nover to be rebuilt. Da Vinel in his patture wished to demonstrate that ill-gotten gains never could be profitable.

ITS POSITION

GAVE IT AWAY

VANITY AND ELEVATORS

the rollage of the vessels entering and clearing from it was about 20,000,000, or, if Ohiness junks engaged in the foreign trade be included in the foreign trade be included in the foreign trade by a closely was 18,000,000, followed closely by Antwerp. The tomage of New York in 1904 was 18,000,000.

Hong Kong, it may be remembered, is a free port at which many vessels engaged in the Chiness Japanese and Australasian trade call. London would head the list but for the fact that often its vessels take part of their cargo from another British port, as Cardiff, and receive their foreign clearance at it. When a man is short he some times does some fall thinking.

When a man is well dressed he feels he is emitted to attention.

The knowledge of some people is shout as metri as buried treasures.