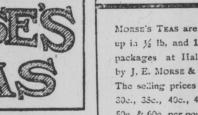


"Much them doctors know!" re- "Yes, I'll do it. I'll clean house! drawings so carefully constructed corted her mother. "But you may be Ma would faint, I know, if she each class; the kindergarien work, sure of one thing, Mary Ellen, and thought I was trying to do it alone. the little ones, an innovation in the that is that I'd never let your pa go for she doesn't trust me any more neighborhood, but her especial pride? off on a trip without me, absent- than a baby, if I am eighteen years And now they could never be replaced



All passed off well. The speakers de-

stairs, Jonas drove into the yard only sign of life in the yard was Old and called loudly: "Mary Ellen! Speckle clucking discontentedly in her Mary Ellen! Here's two letters for coop, while the little Plymouth Rocks ran here and there after bugs and

having a good time among relatives Away on the other side of the field and old friends, but she was home- back of the barnyard she could see sick and could hardly wait until the Jonas plowing. She ran along beside time set to come back, for she did the fence, her foot slipping now in

Speckle's chickens every three hours,' did ye come home?" exclaimed Jonas was the closing sentence. The other as he leaned on his plow handle and letter was from her cousin Roxy. mopped his face with his big blue over at Pine Grove. It ran thus: handkerchief. "Nobody's lookin' for

We-that is, the young folks-are go- house burned down. Somebody set it ing to a party over at Alum Cliffs on fire. So I thought I'd give you a

Make Johas keep house while you're Well, I swan! Mary Ellen? She's gone gone, but don't say no. I haven't to your cousin Roxy's, over to Pine time for another word; I have forty Grove, and she won't be back till



"I'll just get 'Phrasy and 'Phenix Hines to come over and help me, and then we'll get it done in a jiffy. and I can go over to Cousin Roxy's. too.' Elvira was a person of action, and she had no sconer made up her mind than she proceeded to carry out her plans. She went to the barn, and in