



IMPUDENT BOY—(A fresh caught cockney).—"Fire."
 INSURANCE AGENT.—"Where, tell me where?"
 IMPUDENT BOY.—"Hif ye can't see with ye'r hies, just try and 'ear with yer hears."

The Little Foot Page.

I.

No messenger of love was he,
 No pet of ladies fair;
 He lived a life of misery,
 And never brushed his hair.

II.

He'd never seen a linen shirt,
 Nor heard of silken hose;
 His hands were all begrimed with dirt—
 He never blew his nose.

III.

At each new place he changed his names,
 To suit his master's will,
 And though he had been christened Thomas,
 We always called him Jack.

NOTE.—The last two lines of the third verse might easily have been rendered into rhyme, but stern truth compels us to admit that the page was *not* christened James and was not called Bill. Blank verse, therefore, in this case was indispensable.

Question and Answer.

We were recently asked, who, in our opinion, is the most sensible man in the ministry:—We should say, the Hon. Mr. Chapais, as he has not made a single foolish remark in the House, during his occupancy of a seat on the Treasury benches.

Items from Peter Street.

Timber is moving slowly and sinking—in price. We hope it may soon accelerate its pace and float—to a higher figure.

Flour is ground down to a drug, and nobody will take it.

Fish—cured—are in good condition. The market thirsts after salted herrings. Smoked, re-tail better than last week.

Coal—lumps—look bright. Grate enquiries after households. Dust, rules lower.

Freights dull. They will soon be enlivened. The *Sprite* desires to charter fifteen first-class vessels to load with his European edition.

In addition to the above, our correspondent sends us the following—whether as a conundrum or a rule of three sum we must leave to the judgment of our readers:—"Sold at 7½d. a foot: (we presume he is speaking of white pine) what was the price of toes and heels?" Yes, Sir! stupid enough. But then, our correspondent is only a log;—we shall take the first opportunity of cutting him up.

A Denial.

We are authorized to state that there is not the slightest foundation for the report that Mr. McGee and Mr. J. S. Macdonald have been writing affectionate verses to each other, during the absence of the former.

To Correspondents and the Public.

"Miss M. E. Baddon" Thanks. Remainder under consideration.

"News" received, and very acceptable.

Several communications reserved for want of space; others, because they came late to hand.

The public will perceive that our second number appears with a new Title Page. We desire to make the *Sprite* as perfect as possible, and neither exertion nor expence will be spared. At the same time, in the matter of our illustrations, we request a generous forbearance. They are the result of an entirely new system of Photo-Electrotyping, and, among its first efforts. We have good reason to anticipate that, with a little further practice and experience, they will arrive at a high state of perfection.

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