The Stolen Children.

In a magnificent castle built of red and blue marble there lived long ago a beautiful and powerful ber children were dead. Enviously she looked upon her neighbor's This she could And here the artiful cover. bright gleam of light and a weak. easter, give me thy hand. I have fullen into the water." they could see the child's golden garments shiping below and one of the children leaned over to draw her brother out. This was just what the dark queen was waiting for : quickly she grasped the little hand lovingly stretched out to the brother's aid and drew the little sister over also. Now another child sought to help his brother and sister, but he and all the other children, one after another, was drawn into the depths, and as the last child sank beneath the waves, the poor old man tore his hair in sorcourage to return alone to his dear, children, then take me also," he cried, and with one leap into the water he, too, was lost to view. This again suited the wicked queen exactly; she took the servant and the children with her to her kingdom and laid on them all her dark robe. They very smallest she placed so close together, that they took like a silver hem on her garment. Since then the poor, lonely mother on the other side of the water seeks in vain for her children, whom she could not find upon her return to her castle. She knows quite well, who it is, that has robbed her of them, but as so m as she approaches the stream, its waters shine brightly and she sees no trace of her lost ones. For the wicked queen will not let the children go out upon the earth, but only once every night she takes them walking over the heavens, Then the poor mother follows her and calls and sees her children, but it is only very rarely that she sees one of them far in the distance, Then they waft many greetings to one another, and the child becomes paler and paler with longing; but the sombre queen of the night hastily draws away the train of her Only the faithful old servant sometimes steals away secretly to bring to the sorrowing mother news of

The Vulnerable Reel.

MY TAXY ELLIOT SEEDS

his value of the except in the how the muscles grow in my arms

believe in specialties?" she began at the first pause.

"Ot. dec dedly, but the rounded education first : knowing something Bout all the great lines of thought, proportion to our emorance of even if it did not involve a much them, and performance is the only safe path of escape. I am tempted or self obliteration (doubtless more deat, in place of the history, Studithit es are just things one does

prospective picasure for the pains. By a afferent selection of sports be he has been dischedurate the gote imply have pressed the rain into the service. Queen Lineabeth, grown old and ugly, caused all mirrors to be burnished from her apartments whereas the modern woman, knowd s, her walk and her pose, and ii wer very defect to serve her little voice cried: "Sister, dear Louis XV would not allow death to be spoken of in his presence; from the very fear th or a conversation might suggest the subject, deprived himself of valuable aids to mental and physkeel health.

Linerson once made the suggest ion that every young person should be encouraged to do what he i afraid to do, and we all know how the principle applies in physical matters. An object in the dark frightens us, and grows more dreadful when we flee ignorantly from it. When we bravely approach it, touch it, handle it, it proves inanimate and inoffensive. row and despair and could not find The same law holds good in the subtler matters of brain and soul good queen and see her pain and It is not by avoiding the evil, it is grief. "Hast thou taken all my rather by grappling with it that character is made strong and life quickened. Ruskin scorns the reader who praises a book because its author agrees with him in opinion. Our best reading is that which brings us another point of view, which shows us our errors and weaknesses, which opens new fields

for our mental footsteps. Our principle of selection is too often that of the college girl. We choose easy places because they are easy, the valleys rather than the hills; whereas achievement, as well as the glow of life, comes from friction with its difficulties, -The Out-

A new needle, which must be a delight to housewives, has been invented in Germany. It has a prolongation behind the eye of smaller diameter than the board part of the needle, with grooves in it to receive the thread. The object of it is to facilitate the passing of the needle through holes in buttons that are to be sewed on. The thread lies in the grooves, and hence the needle passes much more easily and rap-

The dew, as it falls in the evengarment and the golden queen of ing, is unseen by all. It comes so the day, the sun, quickly follows gently, so soitly; and we only to begin anew her restless search. know that it has come when we see know that it has come when we see it sparkling on the hedge-rows, flashing on the buds in the morning Japanese Manners in America.

mother who we shed her see to be good many things, and not untea- children. If you allow a "bite" up, would have protected that weak course it is a pity that we are not eat. When my child is restless where it would have ended, but and the Lord taketh away; blossed be his bee in battle with his shield, orderly like the Japanese children; tween ten and eleven o'clock. This queen always were the same black But not be used to say I cannot that we throw papers into the street has always provided exactly what knows." and drop peanut-shells and orangeit is a stupid subject. See, instead, peel on the floors of our public conveyances. Of course it is a pity that we are not more like the Japanese in many particulars; but. for my part. I make bold to conese manners with all their gentle perfections.

American manners are not nearly as good as they should be, not nearly as good as one may hope they may become, but that Japanning would profit them is not so certain as it looks at first sight, greater amount of self-repression apparent than actual) than the American temperament could endure or has any desire to attain to. The amelioration of our national demeanor must rather be sought in an increased and enlightened selfself-respect. If we ever do become civilized, it will be first at the heart and afterward at the rind .-Scribner.

Paving the Way.

Members of the ministerial profession do not lack for amusing experiences. One such is related by The Youth's Companion!"

A city minister had arranged, early in the day, to officiate at a very quiet home wedding that same evening. At the hour agreed upon ne went to the house, which was quite a distance from his own, and ang the bell. A maid opened the door, and he walked in, saying I believe I am expected here this evening. Will you kindly say to the family that I am here?"

He then pushed aside a portiere hanging between the hall and the parlor, and found himself in the presence of a somewhat embarassed young couple sitting on a sofa in a half-lighted room.

"Good evening," said the minister, blandly. "I am on time, I believe. Eight o'clock, I think, was the hour set for the ceremony.' "Ceremony?" said the young

man. "What ceremony?" "Why, the marriage ceremony, to be sure. Are you not the young

couple who are to be united in the bonds of matrimony this evening?" To the amazement of the minister,

the young lady uttered a shrick and fled from the room, while the young man turned scarlet. "Have I made a mistake?" asked

the embarassed parson, as he hastily drew forth his note book. 'No," he added, "I was to come to Number 236 this street, and"-"But this is Number 237," in-

terrupted the young man. "Number 236 is across the street." "Oh, I beg your pardon! I beg

your pardon a thousand times. exclaimed the minister, as he retreated hastily.

already made to the young man, who had followed him to the door. and it was something of a relief to and half confidentially:

way for me to ask that young lady a question that will lead up to a wedding in this house, soon, if it is answered the way I hope it will be, and you have helped me out wonderfully. It will be as easy as

The Freinit Child.

All mothers ought to know that men ones. Ineffelness when seen in children are polite, who have accord careful training but discussion was in progress, of expression a cheek are very gent as a sign of physical ill, says a to sold years become. They are said written in Motherhoxst. The conresponse at of which accounts for than constitution. The best premoved of the publish in American ventive for this is a simple, wholestructs and most of the disagreeas some diet, with plenty of exercise because of American street car trave in the fresh air. Crackers need to both school teacher says it's Jesus el. They certainly beat us in a be entirely withheld from most that's in the heart, and that He sonably then example is much held between meals for children, say, up to us nowadays for emulation, over three years, a pared apple is into ligent foreigners who have an idle lunch, while a slice of good says it's the devil, and that he observed us closely have declared home-made bread eaten without that we are the rudest and the butter will taste sweet to a hungry kindest people in the world. Of child and yet not tempt it to overmore universally courteous; that and cross in the morning she is suddenly Ralph, the more thought- the name of the Lord." He then conour children are not demure and given one or two pared apples be- ful one of the two said : was needed. It is well to remember that the child is not solely at told his audience that the teacher as he remarked: who had trouble with discipline fess that American manners, with ought by all means to inquire say it's Jesus. Only Jesus lives in all their defects, are better suited promptly into the state of his own Aunt Olive's heart-that's sure." to my American taste than Japan-liver! Be fair then to the little ones, as there is always a season for fretfulness .- Ex.

The Well-Rounded Life.

"Wouldn't it be fine to be as independent as Tom Fulton?" exclaimed a boy.

"Well, I'm not altogether sure," replied his companion, who was an older person. "Tom's independence saves him from a lot of mean little faults, and in itself is a cardinal virtue. I dislike to criticise so noble a trait at all, yet I must say that Tom's independence at times comes perilously near to selfishness. control, joined to a strengthened He is so independant that he often fails to regard the feelings and rights of others."

We cannot drive straight through life, without regard to other people. Every virtue is beset by its opposite sin, and selfishness or thoughtlessness, is the sin against which folks of an independent disposition should guard.

It is hard to keep virtues in proportion. We may become enamored of some excellence and pursue it. blindly, with the result that, although we have attained it, we lso have destroyed the balance of character. Symmetry of life is to be cultivated as assiduously as any other merit.-Forward.

Be Little Sunbeams.

Children, you are household sunbeams; don't forget it, and when mother is tired and weary, or father comes home from his work feeling depressed, speak cheerfully to them and do what you can to help them. Very often you can help them most by not doing something, for what you would do may only make more work for them. Therefore, think before you speak or act, and say to yourself: "Will this help mamma?" or "Will this please papa?" There is something inside you that will always answer and tell you how to act. It won't take a minute, either, to decide, when you do this, and you will be repaid for waiting by the earnestness of the smile or the sincerity of the kiss which will then greet you. Long after you have forgotten the smile or cheerful word which you gave your father or mother or the little act which you did to make them happy, it is remembered by

The City of the Sun.

Helopolis, "the city of the sun," so named by the Greeks because the sun-worshipers there had He lingered on the doorstep to their chief and most sacred monuadd to the profuse apologies he had ment, stood on the bank of the Nile, near Cairo. Today there remains nothing but an obelisk, the oldest and most wonderful in have the young man say, frankly Egypt, standing alone amid green fields. It is beautifully sculptured "It is all right, parson. I was of a rosy-hued granite. The archjust racking my brain to think of cologists now recognize it as the something to kind of open up the gravestone of the city of Bethshemes of Scripture. This is the famous On, memorable to all Bible readers as the residence of the priest of On, Potipherah, whose of the oldest university in the to the Lord. See? An' I guess rolling off a log to say what I want | world, and students from the re- that ol' blind man wants a dime . her lost children.—From the Ger. sun. So is the coming of the Holy to say now. I am much obliged to motest parts of the earth came here more than the Lord, so I gave it to to imbibe wisdom.

Row Many Aunt Olives are There?

The two boys had just come some from Sabbath school, and a "his lesus that's in the heart,"

sani Ralph. "No, it isn't; it's the devil," re-

phod Harold "I say it's Jesus!"

"No, it isn't; it's the devil. know it is!"

"But," said Ralph, "my Sabmakes a boy good."

"Well I don't care," said Harold; "my Sabbath school teacher makes a boy bad -so there!"

It is hard to tell how far the discussion might have proceeded, or

"Let's ask Aunt Olive, She

Harold thought a minute, and then what a tribute he paid to one fault in every case. A bright the manner and conversation of speaker at a teachers' institute once whose life he was daily observing, all my troubles."

"Ask Aunt Olive? No; she'd

"Need I Go to School?"

"Oh, father, need I go to school?" said Johnnie one morning as his mother was getting him ready, "I don't understand books -I never shall. I had rather cut wood with you in the bush, and work ever so hard,"

"Johnnie, how did we fell that big tree yesterday?" asked his

"A stroke at a time, and keeping at it," answered the boy.

"Exactly so," said his father, 'A word at a time, and keeping at it, will make you a good speller; a sum at a time, and keeping at it. will make you good in figures; a thought at a time, and keeping at it, will make you master of the hardest book in the world. A patient keeping at it, Johnnie, and you will be a scholar."

"Is that all?" asked Johnnie. "All," said his father.

"I do not know but I can do that," said Johnnie. And before six years from that time he stood first in the highest class at school.

Dietary for Mental Workers.

A person whose work is chiefly menta! requires as food, according to an expert, much less carbon than another. Beef, mutton, poultry, and game are recommended. Sugar or starch in excess should not be eaten. Rice is a better form of starch than potatoes. For breakfast a little subacid fruit, a cereal, if it is liked, a soft-boiled egg, and a cup of coffee made in the French way and taken without sugar or cream, or at least without cream, At noon a bowl of cream soup with some pieces of pulled bread and at six, when the day's work is over, a good, simple dinnersoup, a broiled steak or chop or a roast, and two vegatables-one starchy, the other a green vegatable-a salad with French dressing and a little cheese, and a wafer or a few nuts, with a seeded raisin or two. The breakfast may be varied with a chop or a little piece of broiled fresh fish instead of an egg.—Evening Post.

His Tenth Dime to Another.

"Have your shoes shined?" sang out a small boy near the Union Station, among a group of people just from the train. A young man who heard the cry stayed his steps, hesitating, for he had not much more money in his pocket than he had blacking on his shoes. But to hesitate was to fall into the shoeblack's hands, and the brushes were soon wrestling with splashes of rural clay.

When the shine was completed the young man handed the boy a dime, and felt that he had marked his way into the great city with an act of charity, for in his heart he did not care how his shoes looked. But as he was putting himself together for a new start, he saw the boy who had cleaned his shoes approach the blind beggar who sits behind the railroad fence, and drop a dime into his cup. "What did you do that for?"

sked the young man. "Yer see," said the boy, "that

was the tenth dime terday, an' me daughter became the bride of Jo- teacher at Sabbath school told me I seph. The city was also the seat oughter give a tenth of all I makes

then his bad moments.

"O, sir," said a poor woman to a Scotch minister, who was by no monns a popular proacher, "well do I like the day when you give us the sermon."

"Indeed," said the minister, flushing with pleasure, "I wish there were more like you, my good woman; it in seldom I hoar such words from my

"May be their hearings' stronger than mine, sir," said the woman, promptly, "but when you preach I oan always find a good soat."

Mr. Edwin M. May, of Mount Zion, Ill., sends this story of the inscription in a Vormont cometery. It seems that Jacob Green buried his estimable wife Hannah and on the gravestone was engraved: "The Lord giveth soled himself by finding another wife, Marie, who in course of time died and was buried by the side of number one. Her stone bore the significant words: "I cried unto the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from

A good aneedete is told by the Bishop of Minnesota of the sarcastic powers of the Indian. "I was holding," says Bishop Whipple, "a sorvice near an Indian village camp. My things were scattered about in a lodge, and when I was going out I asked the chief if it was safe to leave them there while I went to the village to hold a service. 'Yes,' he said, 'perfectly safe. There is not a white man within a hundred miles!"

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