

BOYS GET IT NATURALLY.

The Little Terrors—Father a Terror, Too, in His Time.

"O, those boys of mine!" sighed a handsome matron on Cass avenue.

"Yes," suggested an outspoken neighbor, "and he might be able, by a little introspection, to discover the original source of their mischievousness."

"That recalls an experience of Frank and mine. We had been raiding the larder in both of our houses till final notice was issued that we must either reform or take the consequences."

"On the table that she looked like a magnificent cake. We boys looked as solemn as owls through grace and all the courses, till it came to dessert."

"Frank will have to raise the boys," mused his wife. "I'll be responsible for the girls only."

A HOT LUNCH.

The Free Meal Didn't Come Up to Expectations.

He was hungry and he had a lone five-cent piece in his pocket. How to make the coin change the condition of his stomach into content-inspiring fullness was something that seemingly required the services of a "prestochange" magician.

Keeping one hand closed over the coin, so that it could not by any chance be lost through a hole in his pocket, he walked down the street, scanning each saloon that he passed.

On blackboards in front of the saloons were tempting statements of what could be secured inside with every drink.

Entering the saloon and going to the bar he ordered a five-cent drink, laying down his precious nickel.

Then he made his way hastily to the lunch counter, in the dimly-lighted rear of the place.

His voice trembled as he went back to the barkeeper.

"There's nothing on the counter back there. Where's the hot lunch you advertised?"

The barkeeper surveyed him a moment in undisguised contempt.

"Vell, you vas a good 'ting—nicht! Dere's nuddings there, eh? Ain't dere onions and mustard? Vat you want hotter dan dat—cayenne pepper?"

Some Costly Pictures.

Some unusually large prices were fetched by pictures at a recent sale in London.

A country inn, by Hobbema, sold for \$9,975. These are "fancy" prices, truly, and will not be sustained when these pictures come to the block again.

In England no less a sum than £197 was thrown to the children of the Sutton poor-law schools by raccoons on the Derby and Oaks days, the schools being on the main road to Epsom.

BIG BATTLE WITH A CAT.

Savage Prowler Attacks People in a New York Flat.

A savage, uncouth tomcat, driven to the verge of madness by starvation, created consternation in a New York flat house by fiercely attacking everybody who attempted to drive it out.

The cat was an ugly specimen of the back yard prowler, a big, ferocious-looking animal with a head like a bulldog.

It wandered into the basement of the big flat of which Thomas McClelland is the janitor some time last week and made its lair under a pile of old doors at the rear of the hall.

Mrs. McClelland saw the cat several times, and its presence there worried her because she has two little children who play in the hall during the day, and she made several attempts to drive it out without success.

She was walking through the basement the other morning with her daughter, five years old, by her side, when she again encountered the cat.

Mrs. McClelland struck at it with a whip she happened to have in her hand and the cat jumped straight at the head of the child.

She shook it off and ran to summon her husband, Thomas, from upstairs. He tried to drive the cat out with a large iron poker.

It finally made a terrific jump from the janitor and seized hold of his hand between its sharp teeth.

It sprang at him the moment it saw him, and he hastily shut the door, and then it dashed itself against the door to get at him.

Michael Hart, a livery stable keeper across the way, has two fox terriers and an indomitable little Scotch terrier named Nip.

At sight of the dogs the cat's back arched, his tail grew thick and he prepared to fight.

The cat held its own for a time, but the odds soon appeared too much. It was rapidly succumbing, when a passer-by denounced the proceedings and threatened to call off the dogs.

The cat was a sorry looking spectacle at this stage of the proceedings. It was bleeding about the head and minus large patches of fur all over its body.

New Sheet Metal.

By a process which is carefully guarded, something new in the working of sheet metal has been produced.

The special advantages of such aluminum-coated sheets are stated to be that they can be worked and seamed without peeling; the coating, adhering absolutely to the sheets, can be easily soldered, will resist the action of sulphurous gases, and can be heated to a red heat without destroying the coating.

A Remarkable Tablecloth.

A famous restaurant in Vienna possesses a remarkable tablecloth, on which are inscribed the signatures of the majority of the reigning sovereigns of Europe.

A man breathes about 20 times in a minute, or 1,200 times an hour.

THE C. E. PLEDGE.

Criticism of President Hall Causes Considerable Comment.

He Declares It Is So Elaborate That It Is Almost Sure to Be Broken and Should Not Be Taken Too Early in Life.

Considerable comment is being heard over the criticism offered by President Hall, of Clark university at Worcester, Mass., of the pledge taken by members of the Christian Endeavor society and his intimation that it is almost sure to be broken.

The words of Dr. Hall were spoken in connection with a lecture at the summer school on "Certainty and Puzzles."

"We find elaborate vows in the Christian Endeavor society. How much shall we rely on them? That is a grave question. The oath should not be taken too early and certainly no oath should be taken that cannot be kept."

Dr. Hall continued: "What shall we say about all this? It is a difficult question and the answer is not easy. Some of these forms of oaths should be preserved. It seems to me that proper regime of the soul requires that the soul rise sometimes to the very height of affirmation in great crises."

LONG RUNS FOR LOCOMOTIVES.

Pennsylvania Contemplates an Important Change in Methods.

Since the new style of steam locomotives has come into use a change has gradually been introduced in an important matter of operation.

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TO SPECULATE IN KLONDYKE.

New York Syndicate to Buy Up All Promising Claims.

The members of the syndicate prefer that their names shall not be mentioned at present.

MUST USE FOREIGN DOCK.

United States Navy Is Without the Proper Facilities.

The department would have much preferred to send the Indiana to Port Royal, S. C. for this purpose.

Potato Patch in Boston.

Curious Religious Custom.

Landmark Burned.

Confederate Veterans Combine.

Growth of British Empire.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY LINE.

Settlement of This Question Awaits Action of Senate on Treaty.

Nothing can be done more than already has been done toward marking the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions along the one hundred and forty-first meridian until the senate passes upon the boundary treaty now before it.

"The gold," said Gen. Duffield, in discussing the question, "has been ground out of the quartz by the pressure of the glaciers, which lie and move along the course of the streams, exerting a tremendous pressure. This force is present to a more appreciable extent in Alaska than elsewhere, and I believe that as a consequence more placer gold will be found in that region than in any other part of the world."

Gen. Duffield thinks the gold hunters on the American side of the line have made the mistake of prospecting the large streams instead of the small ones.

MOODY WILL NOT RETIRE.

Says There Is No Truth in Story Sent Out from Toronto.

Dwight L. Moody was seen the other afternoon just after service in the Auditorium at East Northfield, Mass., in regard to the story from Toronto that he would soon retire from active labor and Rev. William Patterson, of that city would succeed him.

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Mr. Moody said not long ago: "They say my best days are over. There is not a bit of truth in it. They are growing better every day."

BREEDING NEW FLAVORED FOWL.

Ducklings That Literally Can Never Go Near the Water.

Despite that unnatural way of living the ducks look and act about as contented as could be wished.

SHE MAY GET EVEN.

Atlanta Society Is Aroused in Dread of Having a Negro Neighbor.

Peachtree street, Atlanta, Ga., is just now in an agony of suspense over the threat that Mrs. W. H. Smythe will rent her residence, No. 409, to Henry Rucker, the colored man recently appointed revenue collector for Georgia.

Wild Birds and Songs.

Wild birds do not sing more than eight or ten weeks in the year.

IS IT DEGENERATING?

English Countess Creates a Stir by Criticizing the Modern Dance.

The countess of Ancaster is seriously concerned in her mind about the degeneration of the dance. She has uttered a jeremiad in the daily papers of London, and a notable academic controversy has arisen therefrom.

"The reason Countess Ancaster made that remark, 'a graceless romp,' is because she is an Englishwoman and does not know a thing about dancing herself," said Mrs. E. E. Shaw, of Chicago, one of the most ardent of Narragansett's fairest belles.

FOR A CHRISTIAN JUBILEE.

Cardinal Jacobini Calls Upon Catholics Throughout the World.

The Rome correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal has a cabinet letter written by Cardinal Jacobini and addressed to all Catholic bishops throughout the world.

DAUGHTER BORN TO WHITNEYS.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Welcomes Ad-vent of His First Grandchild.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney at Newport, R. I. Mrs. Whitney is the daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and this is his first grandchild.

New Diving Bell Exhibited.

An explorer in the mountain of Wit-pacuity, moving along the sea bottom by means of screws worked by electricity, is on exhibition in Paris.

Women Like to Be Teachers.

School teaching seems to be the most popular of all the fields that are open to college women.

Regimental Newspapers.

Ten regiments in the British army publish newspapers.

TELEGRAPH FOR ALASKA.

Company Incorporated for Laying of 10,000 Miles of Wire.

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