

Little Stories and Incidents that Will Interest and Entertain Young Readers

Runnin' Away.



he will!

yer hev! Most every youngster Gets his dander up reggeler, once in Gets to thinkin' the ol'

folks is too domineerin', An' that he's in the right an' his elders is wrong. he figgers that,

round the ol' place, he's consid-The smallest pertaer, about, in the hill, Tells his pa an' his ma they'd be power-

Ef he run off an' left 'em-an' reckons

Got to threatenin' round I wuz goin' ter go.

Thought 'twould frighten the folks into treatin' me diffrunt-Didn't hey no intention of doin' it, though. Got riled an' talked uppish an' peart.

Never see father an' mother wuz kind an' unselfish. An' a-wearin' their lives out, a-workin'

fer me. Well, father he called me ter where he was settin'. smiled, kinder sober-like, into my

face, An' sez: "Son, I'm sorry we can't seem ter suit yer,

An' yer wants ter leave mother an' me an' the place. When you're ready, though, boy, I won't make no objections:

Ef you're tired o' home, I've got nothin' ter say. But yer needn't sneak off without tellin' us of it-'Cos I'll hitch up an' carry yer part

er the way. I dunno how it wuz, but the way that he

Sorter took all the starch outer me, quicker'n scat; An' I tell yer, I didn't hev nothin' par-

Ter say about runnin' away, after I jest see how thunderin', ornery foolish

I'd bin. An' I hope that ef ever again I get one er them tantrums-some feller'll be handy

Ter bring me up standin', as father did then.

-Farm and Home. How Early Sleds Were Made.

From history we learn that the boys in the time of George III. coasted on sleds made of a small board with beef bones as runners, but these dropped out of sight when an inventive genius built one out of a barrel stave, for his invention was extensively copied. The barrel staves was called "jumpers" and "skippers," and were made of a single barrel stave of moderate width, to which was nailed a twelve-inch seat-post about midships. A piece of

barrel head constituted the seat. To navigate this craft required no little skill, the revolutions and convolutions performed by the rider while "gitin' the hang of the derned thing" being akin to the antics of a tenderfoot on a bucking broncho. A more stable and docile jumper was made by fastening two or three staves side by

REMAINED FIRM. Man Living Who Was Concerned in

Strike Lasting Forty Years. "This investigation by Congress of

the local coal condition as a result of the recent anthracite strike reminds me of the longest strike of which I have ever heard-or rather, I should say-of which I have ever known," said R. H. Rawlins, of Concord, N. H., at the New Willard the other day. "Forty years ago, when I was a boy,

living in Concord, a man built a factory for the manufacture of sleds and wheelbarrows. It was a water power concern, and I think the cost was about \$20,000. When the forty employes had turned out about one hundred wheelbarrows a difference of opinion arose between them and the boss. I cannot recall just what it was, remarkably low, and so on. out it was stated over and over in after years that it would have made a difference of less than a dollar a week on made no impression. Finally he said, darted. The spectacle lasted three either side. The owner wouldn't give in and the men stood firm, small as incubators." the matter was, and a strike took place-perhaps the first in New Hampshire. When the men walked out the owner told them they could go, but at the same time informed them he would see the factory rot to the ground before he would give in.

"The reply of the men was that they would starve before they would yield, and so the factory was closed up and the strike went on. A score of attempts were made to arbitrate, but without avail. The owner grew old and gray and the hands died or dispersed, and five years ago, by personal investigation, I found that only the owner and one of the strikers were left alive in Concord.

"Knowing them both I had a talk with them about the strike, and both ture.

side, but these were not considered as fast travelers as the single staves .-

Blackbirds and Kittens. The blackbirds have no confidence in the kitten; they regard neither her youth nor the season of the year, says a writer in Longman's Magazine. cat," they say, "is a cat, whether young or old, whether we have our bantlings to keep out of her clutches or whether we have only our own skins to protect!" Therefore they curse her, pursuing her with maledictions wherever she goes. You may know at any moment exactly where she is, because blackbird pere and mere follow her up; and this spoils her stalking game, for naturally her surprises do not come off while two spiteful, sharp-tongued persons are forever sitting or flitting over her head scolding, chiding, cursing, pillorying the poor thing until she must be sick

to death of their voices. What a nuisance they must be! They will not even allow her to sleep peacefully in some sunny spot she has Once I tried it myself. Won't fergit it, found and occupied, but plant themselves close by to keep her awake with their maledictions. No wonder she rises presently, glares in their direction for a moment with a cold eye, opens her mouth as though to say, something, shakes herself, and goes home in disgust.

In the Wrong Place.

Little Josephine gathered up her doll and playthings one day, and told her mother that she was going to visit her best friend, a dear old lady who dearly loved to see her. The mother only had time to call after her, "Be quiet and don't forget what you should say when you leave!"

"No, mamma," came a voice from the other side of the street, as the little figure with doll's legs hanging from her arms ran up to a big front door, and on tiptoe reached up to the big brass knocker.

The friend opened the door, and little Josephine, anxious to do her mamma's bidding, stepped in and said, "Good afternoon, Mrs. Adams! I have had a very pleasant visit, thank you." Then her mind was free, and Josephine and her hostess had a delightful time.-Youth's Companion.

Domestic Statistics.
One of little Paul's sisters had been married only a few weeks when he had been talking for quite a long

time: "How many sisters have you?" "One married and two alive," was the amusing answer.

broken horse or something. What do you think of that?"

"I don't fink nuffin," replied Paul, "Cos what I finks is naughty."

Nothing to Return.

it, and he replied:

"Oh, Father, I have sharpened it all up."

Reflected on Her Ancestry, Little Mary was fond of using big words she heard. One day she said, "I dess I's a doose" (goose).

"Why." asked papa. "I dess I inherited it."

were still firm. I was in Concord of the university. again a month ago, and the last of the strikers was dead. The owner was hobbling about the streets on crutches with only a few months of life left. forty years, I am going to keep it up gree, which, when "capped," they the rest of my days."-Washington wear with a laudable amount of hon-Star.

Time Was No Object

A shrewd old farmer named Uncle Harvey was approached by a bright, breezy young man who was selling incubators. The Green Bag, which tells the story, says that the salesman gave few weeks ago in the Tyrolean valley Uncle Harvey the usual eloquent arguments. There was not another such incubator to be found, the prices were

Uncle Harvey did not respond. The young man talked himself out and "You don't seem to appreciate these

"No," said Uncle Harvey. "But just think of the time they will

save!" Uncle Harvey gave him one cold look and said, "What do you suppose I care for a hen's time?"

Explained.

"I was surprised to hear Bagsley, who so cordially hates Smith, say the other night that he would delight in inscribing a tribute to Smith that should last through posterity." "Nothing inconsistent about that Bagsley makes a specialty of epitaphs.'

-H. E. Warner, in Baltimore News. Materials as Imports. One-half of the imports into this

country are of materials for manufac-

HEAT IN THE OVEN.

"Bakers have a curious way of tell-

How the Bakers Determine It by the

ng just what the temperature of the oven is," said a down-town baker, who has been in the business for more than quarter of a century, "and they can tell, too, with almost marvelous accurracy. You take a man who is an expert in the business, and he can tell what the temperature of the oven is by simply touching the handle of the oven door. In nine cases out of ten he will not miss it to the fraction of a degree. stance, when baking bread they sometimes throw a piece of white paper into the oven, and if it turns brown the it hurts. oven is at the proper temperature; or, when baking other things they will when you come to think of the different temperatures required in baking oven door.

in a temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenhelt. During the baking process, in drive off the alcohol, the inside of the loaf must register at least 220 degrees. In baking rolls, buns, scones, tea biscuits, drop cakes, fancy cakes, New things of that sort, the oven must show a heat of 450 degrees or higher. When the oven is at 400 degrees it is fit for cream puffs, sugar cakes, queen cakes, rock cakes, jumbles, lady fingers, rough and ready and jelly rolls. At 350 degrees wine cakes, cup cakes, ginger nuts and snaps, ples, ginger bread, spice cakes, such as raisin, current, citron, pound, bride and so on, may be baked. It requires a still lower temperature to bake wedding cakes, kisses, anise drops and things in this class. But whatever temperature the old baker wants, he can tell when he has it by simply touching the handle of the oven door .- New Orleans Times-

GIRL STUDENTS AT ABERDEEN.

Democrat.

Life in the University Town Between the Don and the Dec.

According to London Lady, the Aberdeen University Court, after a fen years' trial, has no reason to regret the admission of girls to Aberdeen University. There are two ancient colleges-King's, founded in 1494, and Marischal's, founded about a century later. Not only in arts, but in medicine, do the girl students distinguish themselves. In the former, for example, the "Dr. Black Prize in Latin" was asked by a workman to whom he and the "Seafield Gold Medal in Latin" were won in the winter sessions of 1900-1 by the same young lady, while in Greek many honors have fallen to the lot of the girl students. The "Fife Jamleson Gold Medal for Anatomy,' the "Lizars Gold Medal" for the same Three-year-old Paul's father was playing Santa Claus, and in reply to a question said, "Til bring you an old broken horse or something. What do broken horse or something. What do broken horse or something. What do Girl students have also won laurels for practical work in the dissecting If a partly worn white skirt needs reroom.

From these facts it will be seen that girl student life in Aberdeen is quite My little brother was crying for a different from life at Girton, Newnpencil, and Father lent him one. At ham and other girls' colleges which noon he asked my brother to return are "among the universities, but not of them." Aberdeen is a university for women students as well as for male students, and the former are on exactshare along with them every privilege nal. of their alma mater. Side by side they sit in the classes, together they go up to the exams, and the girl student, especially if a "medical," considers it a point of honor to secure for herself, if possible, the best prizes and medals

These girl students are interesting figures in the streets of the Granite city, attired as they usually are in the scarlet gown and black and scarlet When I asked him if he intended to tasseled trencher of the Aberdeen start up the factory again, 'No,' he undergraduate, or in the robe and said, being as I have been a fool for black and white hood of the M. A. deest pride over their evening gowns at the graduation evening reception in the beautiful Mitchell hall of Marischal College.

A Beautiful Electrical Display. A sublime spectacle was witnessed a near Tanneheim. A violent storm arose suddenly and many globes of lightning rolled over the surface of the lake. Then a column of water thirty feet high rose from the middle of the lake and from its top small flashes minutes.

Needed a Pair.

"This is the second time you've come home drunk in two days."

"Yesh, h' dear; but it's so awful Eagle.

Forestry in Saxony.

Saxony has one of the best regulated system of forestry in the world, the net profits from the forests amounting annually to over \$2,000,000.

General Only May Beat Them It is one of the privileges of Chinese be beaten by the hand of their gen-

Children put grown people to shame when it comes to telling the truth,

Insanity Among Women. week.

Professor Zimmer, of Berlin, who is a very wise man, has been investigating the causes of insanity among

The man who is a real man feels sorry every time he sees a frail woman vorite dishes fail to appear, so it is throw a little cornmeal flour into the patiently doing labor that would tax small wonder that, in her efforts to oven in order to test the heat. But the the strength and endurance of a man. please and still be economical, the baker's fingers are the best gauge, and Nature didn't plan it that way. Nature falled to make for her the big bones and strong muscles that are different things, it is no small achieve- needed. And there is the food ques ment to even approximate the heat of tion. You see the girl who works hard the oven by touching the handle of the quietly take a seat in the restaurant line of employment. The census of 1900 and none save those who are marked and order tea and rolls. She fits her makes returns for 303 separate occupa- for death land on its beach. It is a Bakers figure that during the rising lunch to her purse, not to her needs. tions, and in only eight of these do time of a loaf of bread before it has She doesn't provide enough fuel for women workers fail to appear. been placed in the oven, it ought to be her body, because she cannot; and at 6 o'clock, when the big store closes or no women among the soldiers, sailors settlements in the world, and is unique the factory wheels are still, she goes and marines of the United States Gov- among them all. Unlike other colonies, order to cook the starch, expand the home with a raging headache and torcarbonic acid gas, air and steam, and tured brain, and worries when she ployed as "boatmen" and sailors. should be sleeping.

Yes, it is easy to see that more women are going into mad-houses, and it is York cakes, muffins, puff cakes and heartless. It doesn't take much account of sex. It demands more, and always more. It cries for increased officiency and greater energy-in the school room, office, factory. It is never satisfied.

The world respects the business woman, and recognizes her efficiency. It knows she can do most things as well as a man, and many things better. But the thinking part of it remembers the tired faces of the army that is going home from work; searches almost in vain for smiles, and hopes and prays that the day will come when the need for and the needs of the woman in business will be less keen, and the lot of the mothers of a coming generation be less hard.



Dress skirts of white fabrics are cut modeling it can be enlarged and lengthened with a deep yoke of open embroidery; where a flounce is used it may then be fitted plainly and need not flare any more than a gored skirt does. Linen skirts, alone, and also with waists to correspond, will be trimmed with bands of hand embroidery done with heavy silk, or mercerized cotton ly the same footing as the latter, and in white or colors.—Ladies' Home Jour-

Woman Shines as Solon.

Alice M. Ruble, member of the lower house of the Colorado Legislature, who distinguished herself by nominat



ing Henry M. Teller for United States Senator, is having her first experience with official life. Mrs. Ruble was born in Vermont. Her father was a Kansas pioneer. She has always been ar earnest worker in MRS. A. M. BUBLE, the State Suffrage

Association and has taken a keen interest in politics, although it was not until the last campaign that she consented to stand for an office. She is a devoted mother, and her home is a model of coziness and comfort. She is idolized by her children.

Economics Are Wearing.

Truly this world should soon be able to produce an immense crop of beautiful women, fine cooks and adepts in selecting artistic house furnishings if the "Beauty Hints," "Cooking Lessons" and "Color Schemes" that are continually appearing on the pages of almost every publication are to count for anything-and that they are being read and the various directions reslipp'ry I couldn' 'a' got home 't all ligiously followed is evidenced by the 'thout a pair o' skates."—Brooklyn numerous letters of inquiry that are published in columns devoted to such matters. Something to change the color of the hair and remove wrinkles seems to be the most desired object of the beauty seekers, and so freone is almost convinced that more commanding officers that they may only coct appetizing dishes out of the ar- phia Record. ticles that have been judiciously selected by authorities on household economy, who have announced (to the infinite regret of hundreds of house wives) that large families can actually ing out her gray hairs."

live on ridiculously small sums per

As a consequence the one who pro vides the money for household exwomen, and has reached the conclusion penses is readily convinced that his Bakers have other ways, of course, of that with the coming of women in com- hard-earned cash is being wasted, and of the city of Victoria, British Columtesting the heat of the oven. For in- petition with men must follow a tre- the new marketing methods are adopt- bia. It is the dying place for these mendous increase of insanity among ed forthwith. But this is by no means lepers who are found among the thouwomen. It sounds reasonable. And the end of this important matter, for every member of the family is sure other British Columbian cities, says a to register a complaint when their fa- correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle. weary wife and mother should develop locks of silver.

Women in Odd Callings.

None will be surprised that there are

Women have not as yet invaded the ranks of the city fire department, still men, policemen and detectives."

There are no women street car drivers, though there are two women "motormen" and 13 women conductors.

They have not as yet taken up the employment of telegraph and telephone 'linemen," yet 22,556 of them are operators for these companies.

There are no women apprentices and helpers among the roofers and slaters, yet two women are returned as engaged in these employments.

There are 126 women plumbers, 45 plasterers, 167 bricklayers and stone archipelago dotting the northern enmasons, 241 paper hangers, 1,759 painters and glaziers and 545 women carpenters and joiners.

steam boilermakers, but eight women work at this industry as full mechanics. There are 193 women blacksmiths, 571 machinists, 3,370 women workers in a small clearing. Here lies the leper iron and steel, 890 in brass and 1,775 settlement. This settlement was built women workers in tin.

Among other unusual employment for women are 100 workers as "lumbermen and raftsmen," 113 woodchoppers, 373 sawmill employes, 440 bartenders, 2,086 saloonkeepers, 904 "draymen" ary engineers and firemen.

Health and Beauty Hints. It is said that the hands may be process: Rub them well at night, for chalk as they will take.

inlaid boxplait at the back of the belt. poker. The fumes which arise will im-

part to the room a pleasing freshness. Many women have had their finger nalls ruined by bad manicuring. The first advice to be given to these sufbusiness, to leave manicuring severely

considered sufficient for the average person. Some, of course, can do with less. In keeping the body in good physical condition sleep is next in importance to food.

If you have not a night light take an ordinary candle and put finely powdered salt round the wick up to the black part. A candle thus treated will burn very slowly and give the dull light which is so often desirable in a sick room at night.

To keep the joints of the hands from using soap, rinse with clear water and acetic acid one dram, rose water three

Women as Agriculturists.

American women pride themselves on the advantages they possess in the multiplicity of business opportunities open to them; but, despite America's broadmindedness in this, Russia has had the courage to go a step further and establish an agricultural high school for women. Here opportunity will be given for general courses in agriculture or specialized training, as dairy farming, gardening, bee culture, poultry keeping, cattle and sheep raising, etc. The course of instruction will occupy three years, and an equivalent grammar school education will be required as an entrance qualification. The women who pass through the school successfully will be eligible gagement, because I wasn't good for filling various posts under the enough for her and would disgrace the Ministry of Agriculture, and will be quently do these requests occur that further entitled to hold the positions of administrators of the crown dothan half the women are growing pre- main and of teachers in the intermematurely old and gray trying to con- diate agricultural schools.-Philadel-

Good-By Summer. .

"How old is she?" "Oh, very, very old. She's quit pull-

LEPERS ON DARCY ISLAND.

Living Tomb of Those Afflicted with Dread Disease

Lying in one of the world's most

centiful archipelagoes, washed by the blue waves of one of the most picturesque island seas, is North America's only Leper island. Maintained in secret as the abiding place of wretched human beings whose curse necessitates their exciusion from all mankind, it is known to few of those who pass it and is shupped by all who have learned its hideous story. Darcy Island is the property sands of cannery Chinese in that and The curse of those who were placed upon it has seemingly overtaken this island. Fair in the track of the Alaskan fleet, passed each week by scores of vessels, its shores are never visited. except at rare intervals, by any save those who can never leave. It was Women workers are invading every set apart as a place for men to die, sepulcher for those living who are

dead to their fellow men. Darcy Island is one of the few leper ernment, yet there are 153 women em- it has neither nurses nor medical attendants for the living, nor has it priests for the dead. Its inhabitants are landed on its shores and left to die and not less than 879 women are returned to bury one another. Food and supplies not easy to find a remedy. Business is in the same general class of "watch- are brought them from the little town of Sidney near by, and what tools and gardening utensils they need. Otherwise they are left alone—each to watch the others waste away while he himself

waits for death. The island lies in Peril Strait, several miles north of the Straits of Juan de-Fuca, out into which it looks. It is close to the east shore of Vancouver Island, near its south end. It is far west from the northern end of San Juan Island and separated from it by only a few miles of salt water. It is one of an trance from British Columbian waters into the Straits of Juan de Fuca, which lie between the two nations. It is about No women are returned as helpers to two miles in length by half a mile in width. It is well wooded and is watered by a couple of springs and a small stream. At its southern end is by the city of Vancouver, which purchased the island from the provincial government ten years ago. It consists of four well-built houses and a number of outbuildings surrounded by a cleared space of about six acres. About these and teamsters, 323 undertakers, 143 other small buildings, erected by the stonecutters, 63 "quarrymen;" 65 white- lepers themselves, have sprung up from washers, 11 well-borers and 177 station- time to time and have fallen again to

decay. When this island was purchased and the first house built, some twenty lepers existed in the province of British Coquickly whitened by the following lumbia. The cases occurred among the cannery Chinese of the Fraser River three nights in succession, with almond and of the salmon fisheries along the oll, and then cover with as much fine coast. These coolies work long hours during the fishing season. They live quired apply to it the tip of a red-hot season, save by a little rice. The conditions in some of the Chinese fishing settlements along the Fraser and in some of the Chinese salmon canneries. among the coolie workmen, is extremely conducive to any sort of blood or ferers is, if they cannot find a manicure who thoroughly understands her blood. When the coolies go to Victoria or Vancouver for the winter they live little better. In a race already impov-In regard to the time required for erished by inbreeding, leprosy is one of sleep, eight hours may generally be the natural results of such surrounding conditions. As a consequence, before stricter health regulations were enforced among the Chinese in the province of British Columbia leprosy sprang up. This was the cause of the purchase by the city of Victoria of Darcy Island.

The Weeping Willow.

The weeping willow tree came to America through the medium of Alexander Pope, the poet, who planted a willow twig on the banks of the getting stiff, after holding hands in Thames at his Twickenham villa. The water as hot as can be borne, massage twig came to him in a box of figs sent them, both the backs and palms, with from Smyrna by a friend who had lost sweet oil, rubbing it in thoroughly, all in the South Sea bubble, and had Then dip the hands in hot water again, gone to that distant land to recoup his fortunes. "Harper's Encyclopedia" rub on a lotion of glycerine one ounce, tells the story of the willow's arrival in America. A young British officer, ounces. Do this at night and wear who came to Boston with the army tocrush the rebellion of the American colonies, brought with him a twig from Pope's now beautiful willow tree, intending to plant it in America when he should comfortably settle down on lands confiscated from the conquered Americans. The young officer, disappointed in these expectations, gave his willow twig wrapped in oil silk, to John Parke Custis, Mrs. Washington's son, who planted it on his Abingdon estate in Virginia. It thrived and became the progenitor of all our willow trees.

Quite a Different Matter.

"I cannot understand, sir, why you permit your daughter to sue me for breach of promise. You remember that you were bitterly opposed to our enfamily." "Young man, that was sentiment; this is business."-Tit-Bits.

At Arm's Length.

"Do you want a close shave, sir?" "No. Keep as far away as you can. Garlic, isn't it?"-Cleveland Plain

Dealer. Next to having wisdom yourself is. the ability to profit by the wisdom of