CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Little Jack Front. A HYMN FOR FLOSSIE Little Jack Frost went up the hill. Watching the stars so cold and chill, Watching the stars and the moon so bright, And langhing aloud like a crazy wight.

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Little Jack Frost ran down the hill, Late in the night, when the winds were still, Late in the fail, when the leaves fall down, Red, and yellow and faded brown.

Little Jack Frost walked through the trees, "Ah," righed the flowers, "we freeze, we freeze."" "Ah." sighed the grasses, "we die, we die.!" Said little Jack Freet, "Good-bye, good-bye!"

Little Jack Frost tripped round and round, Spreading white snow on the frozen ground; Nipping the breezes, loing the streams, And chilling the warmth of the sun's bright

Nobody saw him, still he was there, Nose-biting, prank-playing, everywhere ; All through the houses, out in the street, Capering wildly through storm and sleet.

But when Dame Nature brought back

spring, Brought back the birds to chirp and sing, Melted the snow and warmed the sky. Little Jack From went pouting by.

The flowers opened their eyes of blue. Green buds creeped out and grasses grew, And it got so warm and scorched him so. Little Jack Frost was glad to go. —The Aldine.

Little Jake. BY COUSIN SUE.

Look in with me at the waiting-room of this little village railway station, children. It don't look a bit like your grand dity depot-a room no larger than your nursery at home. Two little windows, about a dozen seats along the sides, and a rusty coal-stove-I believe that is all the furniture it contains. Two or three men and as many boys stand around the stove, some talking, others eating apples. Near one of the windows sits a fat, rosy-cheeked mar-ket woman, with a great pile of bun-dles, baskets and bags on one side of glutton, indicating an arctic climate. her, and on the other a little boy. The little boy has a big red comforter round hittle boy has a big red comforter routher his neck, gray yarn mittens on his hands, and a long, thick overcoat near-ly to his knees. Ah! you think that is hittle Jake. No, indeed, it isn't. His mother said to him, just a little while

"Don't make that noise with your feet, Charley."

Near them, on the other side of the door, is a long, lean countryman, with a big basket tied over with a blue cotton cloth, and something alive under the cover. We know that big fellow isn't like Jake. Then away from the mediate cave earth: by which he arrived the arrived the terms of t rest, quite on the other side of the "Drummer" (ask your paps what that means). He has a large black valise, and I reckon it is full of "Yankee no-

ABOUT MINKS. Sometimes when the train is at full speed he frolics around on the tops of A Short Dip Into Natural History. the cars, runs out on the cow catcher of From Old and New. the engine, and back and forth on the beam. But his favorite place One sunny morning in summer, down

seems to be in the window of the engine cab, looking up and down the road with dewy moisture, came stealthily moving such a wise, responsible look, as though the long, lithe form of a mink. Her fur But I have written enough for this light struck her as she shulked between he was really on duty! time, children. If you want to know the tussocks of grass. Occasionally she more about Jake, let me know, for this halted to look about her, alert for anyis a true story, and as I travel on his thing eye could see or ear could hear; train every week I knew a good deal but, hearing nothing but the sweet notes of a song sparrow and the comabout hin

plaining cry of a cat-bird among the Five Hundred Thousand Years Ago. The Nation condenses from an Eng-lish scientific periodical some interest. alders, she sgain moved on. As she reached the muddy edge of the brook, The Nation condenses from an Eng-The Nation condenses from an Eng-lish scientific periodical some interest-ing speculat o is from Dr. Alfred Rus-sell Wallace of the probable ant quity of the human species. They may well startle, it says, even those who have long since come to the conclusion that 6,000 years carry us but a small way back to years carry us but a small way back to the original home. In fact, Dr. Wal-lace's 6,000 years are but as a day. He reviews the curious attempt to de-termine the antiquity of human remains or works of art, and finds the bronse age in Europe to have been accurately fixed at 3,000 or 4,000 years ago, the stone age of the Swiss lake dwellings the court to 7,000 years, " and an or works of art, and finds the bronze age in Europe to have been accurately fixed at 3,000 or 4,000 years ago, the stone age of the Swiss lake dwellings at 5,000 to 7,000 years, "and an indefinite anterior period." The burnt brick found sixty feet deep in the fine allowing indicates an antiquity of fine allovium indicates an antiquity of 20,000 years; another fragment at seventhe thrashing, struggling eel grew gradually weaker and weaker, until it looked ty-two feet gives 30,000 years. A human skeleton found at the depth of sixteen feet below 400 buried forests superposed upon each other has been calculated by Dr. Dawel to have an antiquity of 50,-000 years. But all these estimates are pale before those which Kent's Cavern at Torquay legitimates. Here the drip on the billside she had her young; and of the stalagmite is the chief factor of after they grew large enough to require something more substantial than na-ture's first provision, the nother used to bring them fish of different kinds our commutations, giving us an upper floor which divides the relics of the last eels, ducks and like prey. So slyly and stealthily did she keep herself, that she glutton, indicating an arctic climate. Names out in the stalagmite more than was not seen until the young were half grown, and looked like little fawn-color-2,000 years ago are legible-in ed weasels, when she betrayed herself by bringing this food which impeded her movements. By traveling the same ay so many times she grew bold. These minks are very destructive to sh, and when the brook is low they way so many times she grew bold. 10,000 years. Below this, however, we fish, and when the brook is low they have thick, much older and crystalline (i. e. more slowly formed) stalagmite, can be tracked for a long distance by the dead eels, pickerel, shiners, and sometimes trout, lying along the bank, beneath which again, "in a solid orecia very different from the cave earth, undoubted works of art have been found."

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masses, requiems, and offerings of flowers and perfumes for the departed. masses, requiems, and offerings of flowers and perfumes for the departed. She therefore intrusted the money to a Kocho of the village, with instructions to use it as above stated. But this Kocho, tempted by the filthy lucre, did not have masses sung, sacrifices offered, &c., but kept the money, in the hope of the old lady following her husband. This however she fatly refused to do

sometimes trout, lying along the bank, the mink only sucking the blood and leaving the fish unmutilated. One autumn some small shiners, meant for a bait in pickerel fishing though the ice, were kept in an old tub, set in a spring near the brook, and one night all these fish vere killed by a mink, who left them laid in a row on the ground. They looked precisely as if some per-son had so arranged them. But through the back of each fish, near the head, the back of each fish, near the head,

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My dairy maiden, trim and tight,

Young Polly with the merry eyes,

The meaning of their light!

For, while you skim the dainty cream, Thro' the wide window, like a dream

You see the hay fork bold and blithe,

And one who leads, with sweeping scythe. See now, the scythes have ceased to flash,

The sultry toil brings sudden thirst,

He drains his tankard who was first,

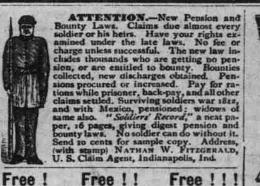
Those stalwart shoulders look like work.

That bare, brown arm will never shirk,

Those honest eyes look straight at you; Ay, ay, my lass, the lad will do.

Beneath the wrial ash.

I think that I can well surmise



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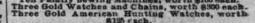
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and these to put his nose indice the cover, at which the ducks give a flutter and quack, and Jake a low growh. Then off again, watching the conductor take up the tickets, and receiving pats and kind words from the passengers. Presently he stops, with such a queer look, and really stares into the eity clerk's face. Perhaps Jake admires his fine clothes. He smells at the big va-lise, then licks the toe of the man's shiny boot. Funny Jake ! And what

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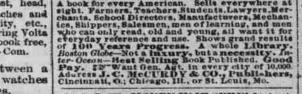
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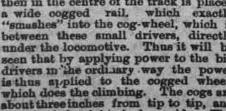


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