

CHILDREN'S JOYS.

The children's world is full of sweet surprises; Our common things are precious in their sight; For them the stars shine, and the morning rises To show new treasures of untold delight.

TO SIS.

Come here, Sis, and sit down beside me, and let me give you a little talking to. That is right. Sit clear at the other end of the sofa.

Always pander to this habit and you will in time find yourself walking through green meadows and beside the still waters of self-respect. You may be walking alone, to be sure, but will have fewer lawn dresses to do up on Monday morning.

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The youth who parts his hair at the equator, sucks the head of a rattan cane, squints with dreamy looking eye through airy glasses, wears No. 5 boots on No. 6 feet, sports a double-breasted watch chain to which is anchored a \$4 watch, wears a horse's hoof scarf pin and sporting dog studs and says: "duced," "aw, yes, damme," and "dont you fail to remember it," has a soft thing in his hard word.

obligations to your mother than you do to him. If this does not seem to satisfy him ask him how many times he has got up in the middle of the night to warm peppermint for you when you were dying with colic, or how many times he has carried you up and down the room just because you would not be quieted in any other way.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Benton, ss. I, J. J. Wynant of San Francisco, being duly sworn, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am a master mariner and have been for twenty years familiar with the coast of California and Oregon.

2. I was in command of a schooner which entered Yaquina Bay to load with oysters in the early part of 1862, and have hardly ever missed a year since that time in entering and leaving Yaquina Bay in command of schooners.

3. The vessels in question have been of nine, ten, and twelve feet draught of water; and I have known of at least one vessel, "The Sarah," Captain Martin, which went out loaded with lumber drawing thirteen feet.

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6. In crossing out in the month of November 1881, we found eight feet.

7. During my experience of Yaquina Harbor the channel has invariably maintained its general direction, as proved by the fact that I now use the same ranges in entering which were in use many years ago.

8. The prevailing winds for eight months in the year are North and North West. The entrance to Yaquina is protected partly by Cape Fowlweather and partly by the outlying reef from heavy swell the result is that during these winds the bar at Yaquina is kept comparatively smooth.

In November 1880 I left Yaquina bound for Coos Bay, 80 miles to the south. I crossed out with a perfectly smooth bar and reached Coos Bay the next morning. There a tug came out and took my vessel in with some difficulty, as the bar was breaking and in Coos Bay we found a fleet of twelve or fourteen vessels some of which had been there for two weeks unable to go out, although there were two powerful tugs ready to tow out.

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ASTORIA LETTER.

A correspondent to the New Tacoma Ledger says: Occasionally I have a chance to pick up additional items of evidence touching the extravagance of the port charges in this river against shipping. They can only be obtained in peice-meal, and may as well be used as received, which will not prevent their use collectively in the future, and as this testimony, coming from the parties who are themselves out and injured, is usually accompanied with their free expressions of opinion, we may keep informed as to the kind of representations that are made by them to the ship owners of the world to the just detriment of the Portland shipping interest.

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These figures are strong enough alone without comment. Captain Morrison of the American ship Indiana from New York with railroad iron, told me that he arrived off the bar October 15th, and beat about outside for five days before a pilot boarded him, not daring to venture in. In searching for a pilot he made the breakers four times, and when he finally got across he was compelled to come to anchor in Baker's Bay and there remain seventeen days waiting for tow. He arrived in Astoria November 7th, which was twenty-two days after he came in sight of the town off the bar. He estimates the port expenses of his ship at \$4,500.

It is stated on good authority that certain restiv Democratic politicians of North Carolina have manifested a disposition to emulate Mahone's example and get up a revolt in the Democratic Party of that State. No well-defined steps looking to this course have yet been taken, but it is stated that during the long nights of the approaching Winter a well digested programme for rupturing the solidity of the old North State will be formulated and, when the Spring opens, set in motion and vigorously pushed forward.

These, like others of this class in other Southern States, have voted year after year with unvaried regularity without, it is thought, seeing any practical good resulting from their adherence to old party lines. Who is to be the leader in this supposed political revolutionary movement is not mentioned, if known. It is believed that Gen. Mahone is manifesting a great deal of interest in the outcroppings of independent movements in the States south of Virginia. There is little doubt that the success of the coalitionists in Virginia is attracting much attention in some of the Southern States.

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