THE TINY LITTLE GIRL.

ther says she's awful bad, Gets so cross it makes her mad, Wants to know if I can't do Wants to know if I can't do
Somethin, little girl, to you;
Thinks I better whip you well,
Says you're good and bad a spell.
Into't home all day to see,
So don't know how bad you be,
But I couldn't bear to whip her
When I see her sweet lips curl,
For she's such a very little—
Such a tiny, little girl!

"Wouldn't mind a word today!"
"Bpect that's what her ma will say;
"Just as bad as bad could be,
'Cept in little spells, you see."
Mother tells me that there child
Bets her sometimes almost wild.
Won't I punish her a bit?
Thinks she's Letter after it.
But I couldn't bear to whip her
When I see her sweet lips carl,
For she's such a very little—
Such a tiny, little girl!

Such a tiny, little girll

Thinkin of her all day long,
With her laughter and her song,
But your mother says it's true
Bad man's got a hold of you.
How about it, little miss,
With the rosy lips to klast
Couldn't punish her a bit,
And that jost clean settles it.
But I couldn't hear to whip her
When I see her sweet lips curl,
For she's such a very little—
Buch a tiny, little girll
—Bath News.

### HIS SEVEN SONS.

"Puts me in mind of old man Freeman," said Mr. Teakwood reflectively as he shaved a keener edge on the wooden sword he was making and sighted along the blade with a discern-

ing eye.
Old man Bolivar tilted his chair back at a more reassuring angle and clasped his hands about his knees in an gasy attitude for listening. George Smith ceased the soft drawl which he had been droning into the ears of the store. een droning into the ears of the storeseeper, and Pendarvis brought in his buggy cushions and made himself com-

fortable on a cracker box.
"Well, what about ole man Freeman?" asked George Smith at last in an exasperated way. "Ole man Freeman, he's back on the

ole place," the story teller finally began, "an that boy o' his'n, that Jim, he's in the little cabin on the Hi Watters place, that cabin where the gal'ry's "What made 'im move?" asked

George Smith, whose weakness it was to try to help along with fatuous ques-

"I been a-knowin old man Freeman for nigh on to a real long time," pur-sued Mr. Teakwood meditatively, "an at lookt to me like he could do a mighty pring up his boys over again. It's a powerful pity, it seems like to me, that once the control of the best you can do with 'em, an if you once the control once the control of the man's boys begin to grow up.

They was a plenty of 'em, sech as they was," remarked old man Bolivar with quite unusual and unexpected

cander.
The ole man had seven boys," Mr. Teakwood went on, with a dry inward huckle a some memory, "an if the ole chuckle at some memory, "an if the ole folks had a raised em right he could a set back in his easy cheer an never done no more work as long as he lived. He did try the easy cheer game, but it was everlastin'ly too late. Them boys had grew up to think that the airth was pretty much made so's they could have a good time an nothin to do

have a good time an nothin to do. "They ain't one o' them seven boys that's worth killin today, an the ole man's workin harder today than he did 25 year ago. "But I reckon he thought Jim was

goin to be somethin. 'Long last winter Jim began to shine up to one o' them Forstall girls—the one with the turn up nose an it would 'a' made anybody plum sick to have saw the way the ole

" I tell you, they's outcome to that boy o' mine, that Jim,' he says to me, in his hands together, pleased as ic. 'You wouldn't 'a' thought they was that much spunk in Jim, would you! An there he is, sparkin up to that girl, an ber gran'pa was a member o' the slater! An shore as yer livin Jim'll be in the legislater himesif some day, fur he's got the nerve to try it.'

"It 'pears like I come to know all bout this Freeman business kinder accidental like. You see long middlin atrly las' spring I got ole Nance one day an rode over to ole Freeman's for to borrer his harrer. I was a gittin my carden ready, an it was that grassy it was plum boun for to be harrered.

When I got over there, Squire Diggs

an some more men was jes' ridin away, an the ole man met me in the gal'ry okin like he'd been a-cryin an says he

"'I'm a-fixin for change, Lije, says
he. 'Jim's a-goin to get married Sunday, an me an the old woman is jes' ded this place, an him an his wife se-goin to take keer o' us the balance our days. You don't know how happy makes me feel. I'm a-goin to have ne s big cheer an set out here in the gal'ry where I kin watch the cows goin to paster, an Jim plowin in the fur field, an where the ole woman kin listen to Jim's wife potterin round the house. you know an I kin kinder oversee an tell him how to do things, fur Jim don't know so peaky much about armin.

" 'You better hol' on to that deed till die,' says I in a warnin voice, 'and let the takin keer come first, an, gra-cious, the ole man was so mad he come mighty nigh not lettin me have the harrer.

"Well, shore enough, Jim he married

an brung his wife home an got his deed fe an soun, an for a good while ver'thing was as nice as pie. Ever' time passed there the ole man an ole wom'u'd be settin up in the gal'ry in two
g cheers, lookin like they owned the
rth an a good sized chunk o' the

up an git fat. When I went over there along in June for to take the harrer home, the ole man said he b'lieved he was good for 15 more years yet.

"Jim an his wife heerd it. an 'twasn't long after that before Jim's wife begin to fix for settlin the old folks' hash. She got awful mad because the ole man chawed terbaccer, an she jes' couldn't stand it, nohow, an she couldn't eat the street corners for the reception of at the table with either of 'em because letters and offices were opened in varithey e't with their knives, an she made 'em move into one o' the back shed rooms because their snorin disturbed her, an when, about a month ago the ole woman got sick, she jes' ripped an she snorted, Jim's wife did, an said they'd better hunt some other quarters, for she was plum tired o' waitin on

'em. "When the ole man heerd that he natchally chimed in, an 'twan't long before she was a-screamin an goin into sulted in her own house, an other things like that.

"Jim, he heerd the row, an he come a-t'arin in an says, 'Dad, I can't stand this no longer. You 'n' ma'll hafter git out.' Awful backwoodsy feller, Jim was. Always seemed like he couldn't

take no polish. "'Git out? We'll hafter git out, will we?' yells the ole man, an before you could morn'n wink he jumps on to Jim an throws 'im down, an recht up along the wall for the waggin whip that was hangin up under the gun, 'lowin to use the handle on Jim.

"The whip was outen reach, but he grabbed the tongs that was hangin up at the end o' the chimbley board, an he give that boy sech a larrupin with them tongs as ain't never been heerd on in this part o' the moral heritage. "He beat Jim, the ole man did, till he promised to deed the place back, an then he set on 'im an held 'im down while one o' the hands went for 'Squire

Diggs an some witnesses, an one of 'em was me. The minute the deed was made the ole man says to Jim: 'Now bring the waggin roun', an be quick about it, too, for you're goin to light out tonight. The ole woman an me's gittin middlin anxious to have the place to ourselves. Step lively, now. 'An Jim, he moved into that cabin on the Hi Watters place."

"It 'pears to me like it was all the fault o' Jim's wife," said old man Bolivar reflectively. "If a man once begins to allow his wife to boss, there ain't no help for him after that. Jim never had no sperrit nohow.

"That's the way it strikes me," re joined Mr. Teakwood meditatively. "These things has got to be done right in the first place or you might as well let 'em alone. Women's queer critters, the best you can do with 'em, an if you irst day, an says I, 'Now, Vangyleen'-that's the name she goes by—'I'm willing to be accommydatin on all occasions, but when I set my foot down it's sot, an it ain't no use to try to make me go any other way. I'm the head o' thissher fam'ly, you kin depend

on that." Into the silence that fell as the soft drawl ceased came the cry of the whip-poorwill, sent back in softer cohoes from the distant hills. Then a head was thrust into sight at the doorway, its sunburned countenance all one wide

"Pa, they was a-lookin for you up at

"Is that so?" cried the stern discipliparian, rising with such celerity that he stepped on the cat. "I reckon I'd better be a-goin. I'd a-gone before new if I'd a-knowed that Ellen was a-lookin

"I reckon I'd better be a-goin, too," said old man Bolivar, glancing appre-hensively along the shadowy road. "I didn't let Mandy know when I was a-comin, an she might be uneasy."-

St. Distaff's Day.

The 7th of January, which follows Twelfth day, was in old times jokingly called St. Distaff's day because the spinning was supposed to be resumed, says the Baltimore Sun.

The plowmen, who were not so willing to resume their occupations as the women were theirs, used to set the flax on fire, in consequence of which the women would throw patts of water up-

on them. In early days ladies of high degree, as well as farmers' wives and daughters, were accustomed to handle the distaff and spindle, and the latter were the emblems of womanhood. The following little stanza is appropriate to

Partly work and partly play
You must work on St. Distaff's day.
From the plow soon free your team.
Then come home and fother them.
If the maids a spinning go,
Burn the flax and fire the tow.
Bring in pails of water then;
Lot the maids bewash the men;
Give St. Distaff all the right.

Dickens and the Children. Writing in The Century on Charles Dickens' interest in the cause of educa-

tion, Mr. James L. Hughes says: He was the first great English stu-dent of Froebel. He deals with 19 dif-ferent schools in his books. He gives more attention to the training of childhood than any other novelist or any other educator except Froebel. He was one of the first Englishmen to demand national centrol of education, even in rivate schools, and the thorough trainng of all teachers. He exposed 14 types of coercion and did more than any one else to lead Christian men and women to treat children humanely. Every book he wrote except two is rich in educa-tional thought. He took the most ad-vanced position on every phase of mod-ern educational thought except manual training. When he is thoroughly understood. I the recognized as the evil you can do today.—Somerville Journal.

Origin of the Postal System. The wonderful postal system, which has reached out until it includes every country on the face of the earth, had its beginning in the mind of an inge-

nious Frenchman.
In 1658, early in the reign of Louis
XIV, M. de Velayer established a private penny post. Boxes were set up at ous quarters of Paris. Collections were made once a day from the street boxes, followed many hours later by a single delivery, and thus the first postoffice in the world was established.

M. de Velayer was so greatly encouraged by the success of his enterprise that in order to develop it still further he printed certain forms of billets or notes which were intended to cover all the ordinary requirements of business in great towns. These forms contained highstrikes, an sayin that she was in- blanks which were intended to be filled up by the pen with such special matter as might be necessary to complete the writer's object. The idea at once became popular, and the printed ferms accompanied the expansion of the postal service throughout the larger cities of France, and it was many years before they fell into disuse.—Harper's Round

Still Smoking Twelve Years After. The man had been absent from New York for a number of years. During his absence many changes had taken place. Some of his friends had moved away and some had died. Though he had taken the New York papers pretty regularly, he had not kept up with these friends of his as he should have done. One evening he called upon a woman

friend who was living at a hotel. Arrived at her rooms, he found her sur-rounded by a crowd of people, but he finally reached her and shook her by the hand. "You are just the same," he said ad-

"You haven't changed a miringly. "You haven't changed a particle," which was not at all true, for her hair had turned so white that she had the air of a marquise in some old picture. "And your husband, too," he went on, "he is just the same as ever. I saw him just now down in the lobby. He was smoking."

The woman looked a trifle startled

for a moment, then recovered her composure with considerable effort. "I am sorry to hear," she remarked

gravely, "that my husband is still smoking. He has been dead for 12 years."—New York Sun.

When a shooting star breaks into flame in our atmosphere, the residuum of the combustion remains in the air and can be found in what is known as atmospheric dust. The virgin snow of

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traces of very small iron particles which seem to have been subjected to a high temperature, and the Challenger on its remarkable trip in the Atlantic found at times in its dragnet fragments of magnetic iron which we have every reason to believe fell from the sky. Sir William Thompson (Lord Kelvin) and Richter have even seen in the aerolites the disseminators of the germs of life grin, and the boy accompanying the head suggested as he came into full throughout the universe. — Chautau-

> The Strength of a Bear. Few people know that a grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivo-rous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just 400 pounds has been watched carrying a heifer twothirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest.

> The big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordipary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with his paw a bowlder six men had with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of pro-

Purifying the Air. It is found in many factories that the hands do much more work in a given time if they have good air to breathe. Some firms have quite elaborate provisions for the purifying of the atmos-

phere of the workrooms. In the absence of these a simple plan is to put a spoonful of oil of turpentine into a liter bottle of well water, shake it well, and then blow it about the room through an atomizer. An improvement is to mix a few drops of acetate ether with the turpentine .- St. Louis Republic.

Thou-ing. To persons of lesser rank one saith "You," without thou-ing anybody, be it not some little child, and that thou wert much more aged and that the custome itself amongst the meer courteous and better bred were to speak in such manner. What concerneth familiar friends, amongst them the custome doth comport in certain places that they "Thou" one another more freely, in other places one's more reserved .-"Youths' Behavior," 1652.

"I didn't know you were so sarcastic when I married you. "Did you not? Possibly you have forgotten I said, 'This is so sudden,' when you proposed after four years' courtship."—Collier's Weekly.

If two tuning forks of the same pitch are placed facing each other, the one sounding, the other silent, in a few seconds the one which was silent will be giving out a distinctly audible sound.

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I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. Notining save me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were blosted so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only a loose dress. I saw hipsan Tallubes advertised in our daily peper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tabules. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick hubband. He has hed the droppy and I am trying Ripans Tabules for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

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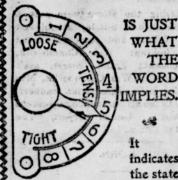
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He also expected to laugh after his brother's session. The boy's father sat down in that chair, and then this boy wept copiously, with sufficient reason for his tears .- Judy. Professional Disgust. Dr. Bolnse-Excited, who wouldn't be

excited? I'm the most unfortunate doctor in practice. Everything seemed to point to success. My first patient arrived—I prescribed, and, do all I could, I lost him. Sympathetic Chum - Poor devill

What did you give him? Dr. Bolus-I made an awful mistake I gave him the wrong mixture, andcured him right off .- Ally Sloper.

Poor Baby. Uncophisticated Parent-Hello there, urse, what's the buby yelling that way for? I can't road at all.

-Ho's cutting his teeth, sir. U. P.-Well, see that he doesn't do it or you lose your place. - Har-

My seven-year-old boy surfered with pains in his head, constipation and complained of his stomach. He could not eat like children of his age do and what he did eat did not agree with him. He was thin and of a saffron color, testimonials in favor of them. Riyans Tabules not

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