

ROCKING THE BOYS TO SLEEP.

I sit me down in the twilight cool
Of a busy summer's day.

I bring John back from a home of wealth,
Where fame and honor dwell.

I build a stair to the heavens tall,
And reach in its sweet domain

They say the old chair is useless now,
'Tis creaking, and dull with age,

Yes, the old chair tells in an undertone,
In a voice so creaking and old,

Through their childish sorrows deep,
As it did its best to ease each pain,

The Lost Bracelet.

MYRA KENT was sitting in a
low chair on the balcony, her
head leaned back, her eyes

"What an awful pity that Tom Rowen
has no money," they said to themselves,

"They like to flirt with me," he said,
with a smile of self-disdain,

"Do you value the trinket so highly?"
Rowen had just asked.

"Let us be practical. What would
you bestow upon the man who will restore
your bracelet to you?"

"Anything—anything," cried Miss
Kent, sitting upright, her eyes sparkling.

"Of course, Miss Kent, you are safe
enough in adding that last clause to your
offer of reward.

"It's all the same," she said, shyly
smiling, "since I have found it."

As soon as he was out of sight his
whole appearance changed. He looked
alert and alive.

While he walked he was looking
among the dust-covered golden rods and
grasses along the roadside.

Like all people who are looking for
some lost article, it seemed to him that
underneath every shrub, secreted

For the next two days he was engaged
in the same way, and he did not

see Miss Kent, who wondered at his
absence.

But why should she remember him?
Was not rich young Townsend, who was
said to be "dying for her," ready

On the fourth day from that on
which the conversation on the balcony
had been held, Rowen said that he

"I think I am losing my senses," he
said, as he strolled down the road, his
eyes fixed on the ground,

There was a rustle in the bushes, a
shrill bark sounded, and then out
dashed a little Skye terrier,

The young man's eyes glanced about,
hoping to see the dog's mistress; but no
one appeared,

Instead of going back in a few moments
the dog kept near, and at last, when
Rowen tried to drive him away,

The man and dog went on slowly,
and it was not until some minutes had
passed that Rowen noticed that the

Idly at last Rowen turned and followed
Alfred, who leaped a stone wall and
flew across a field covered with

Suddenly the dog leaped and scrambled
down the steep bank of a dry water
course, and when Rowen came to

All his love and agony were in that
word. He had feared to find her
senseless, dead, but she looked at him,

"Myra!" he cried, as he flung himself
down by her.

"Forgive me! Forgive me!" murmured
Rowen. "I was wild—I thought you
dead! May you never suffer as I have."

"And now that I am not dead?" she
whispered, at last.

"Yes—I half fancied—but—" was the
low response.

"I dared not think of it because—because
I was afraid I should discover that
I loved you!" was the delicious reply.

A few moments after he said:
"I intended to have found that bracelet
myself."

"It's all the same," she said, shyly
smiling, "since I have found it."

First Blood on Boers.
First blood in the Transvaal war fell
to the Boers on Oct. 12, an armored

Lots of men might acquire fortunes
if they didn't waste so much time in
figuring how to make money without

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quiet Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cunning Children.

"You're a coward!" A sentence calculated
to make any schoolboy clench his
fists and promptly endeavor to make

"Perhaps I am," was the reply, "but
then I did not pocket any of the old
woman's apples afterwards."

Presently there was a noise of men
and women shouting and screaming in
the road close by, and every boy ran

The sight of the boys on the wall attracted
its attention, and with a bellow
it turned on them, tearing headlong

Nobody in the hurry had noticed that
Dan Isaacs had sprained his ankle as
he jumped from the wall, and was

Suddenly, the furious beast caught
sight of him, and with a fierce bellow
turned on him. Poor Dan, nearly dead

Then they all held their breath in
fright, as little Dicky, with a shout,
burst to the front, dribbling before him

"Come back, come back!" they cried,
"you'll be killed!"

But Dicky was no coward now. With
a firm kick he sent the ball slap in the
face of the bull as he was on the point

Stopping for a while to take breath
the bull glared around him as if uncertain
what to do next. He had not much

"Three cheers for Dicky Ford!"
shouted the boys, as they gathered
round the dead beast. And they gave

"I don't know why I did it," said
Dick, blushing at the enthusiastic
greetings of the other boys; "but I just

"Hurrah for Dicky Ford!" they all
shouted again; and Dicky could help
thinking that he had had, after all, his

Every one knows the helpful little
rhyme beginning "Thirty days hath
September," and the scholars who are

How many bones in the human face?
Fourteen, when they're all in place.

How many bones in the human chest?
Twenty-four ribs, and two of the rest.

Five in each, with many a hand.
How many bones in the fingers ten?
Twenty-eight, and by joints they bend.

How many bones in the ankle strong?

Seven in each, but none are long.
How many bones in the ball of the foot?
Five in each, as the palms are put.

Simple Simon.
He fished the whole long morning
through.

Then winding up his line, he said,
"They will not bite to-day;
It must have been those barking dogs
That scared the fish away."

Anecdotes of dogs are innumerable.
An entertaining one tells of a farmer,
who, having sold a flock of sheep to a

Who Was Shot?
A duel was once fought by two men
named Shott and Nott. Nott was shot
and Shott was not. In this case it is

To Be Gentlemen.
The students of the Waterloo high
school of Auburn, Ind., have subscribed
to the following rules of propriety,

1. We will not communicate nor ask
to communicate while in the school
building.

Thought All Dogs Barked.
"Are you an old sea-dog?" asked
4-year-old Bobby of his sailor uncle,

Well, then," continued Bobby, "let
me hear you bark."

He Divided Equally.
"Robbie, did you divide the orange
in equal parts between your little
friend and yourself?"

Wonderful
Nerve of a Man with Broken Leg Hopping
Toward Home.

William Francis, 42 years old, of 306
Van Sicken avenue, Brooklyn,
astonished the police of the Liberty Avenue

Inspector—Suppose I lent your father
£100 in June and he promised to pay me
back £10 on the first of every month,

An Elusive Currency.
"What we need is an elastic currency,"
said Mr. Geizer, who was elucidating
the money question to his wife.

Church Cats.
There exists in Naples a race of cats
which live in churches. They are kept
and fed by the authorities on purpose

Acetyl-ne-Gas Signals.
From Corfe castle to Bournemouth
West Cliff English military men have
passed acetylene gas signals, a distance

To Make a Holiday.
The average number of horses killed
in Spanish bull fights every year
exceeds 5,000, while from 1,000 to 1,200

Varying Effects of Frost.
Frost has a variety of effects upon
different products. Under the same
influence eggs will burst, apples contract

GIVES AWAY HIS INCOME.

A Reading Physician Whose Profits Go to Church and Charity.

Dr. Isaac Detweiler, of Reading, Pa.,
is probably the only physician in the
world who gives every dollar derived
from his practice of medicine to the

Dr. Detweiler has lived in Reading
thirty-six years. When starting out in
life he made a vow that as he prospered
in his profession or business he

During the Spanish-American war he
contributed \$225 for the purchase of
Bibles and testaments for the soldiers,

Candy of good quality, consisting of
mixed chocolate creams, lemon drops,
coconut macaroons and acidulated fruit

St. James' square is another
fashionable quarter which a
might have to wait years to get
the desired to live there—\$15,000

Since Maw Joined the Club
My maw has joined some woman's
club. I ain't don't a thing but
havin' just the baldest time

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HOUSE RENTS HIGH IN LONDON.

Desirable Quarters Commanded in the World's Metropolis.

Pretty nearly everybody who
of course, that house rents in
London are in provincial towns, and
in the metropolis they vary and

Now, take, to start with, the
that highly fashionable thoroughfare
It is rather staggering to find that
\$50,000 a year is really not an

Grosvenor square and Grosvenor
square are renowned headquarters
of society, which pays astronomical
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