Boys Who Succeed.

We take the following from the Rural Home:

The head of a large firm in Boston, who was noted for his keenness in discerning character, was seated at his desk one day, when a young Irish lad came up, took off his hat, and smiling, said: "Don't you want a boy, sir?"

"I did not a minute ago. But I do now, and you are the boy," said Mr. J.

He said afterwards that he was captured by the honest, frank, allalive face before him. The boy entered his service, rose to be confidential clerk, and is now a successful merchant.

Thirty years ago, Mr. H, a nursery man in New York State, left. home for a day or two. It was rainy weather, and not the season for sales, but a customer arrived from a distance, tied up his horse and went into the kitchen of the farm house, where two lads were cracking nuts.

"Mr. H. at home?"

"No, sir," said the eldest, Joe, hammering at a nut.

"When will he be back?"

"Dun no, sir. Mebbe not for a week.

The other boy, Jem, jumped up and followed the man out. "The men are not here, but I can show you the stock," he said with such a bright courteous manner that the stranger who was a little irritated, stopped and followed him through the nursery, examined the trees and left his order.

"You have sold the largest bill that I have had this season, Jem," said his father, greatly pleased, to him on his return.

"I'm sure," said Joe, "I'm as willing to help as Jem, if I'd thought in time."

A few years afterwards, these two boys were left by their father's failure with but \$200 and \$300 each. Joe bought an acre or two near home. He has worked hard, and is still a poor discontented man. Jem bought an emigrant's ticket to Colorado, hired as a cattle driver for a couple of years, with his wages bought land at forty cents an acre, built him a house and married. His herds of cattle are numbered by the thousand, his land has been cut up for town lots, and he is ranked as one of the wealthiest men in the State.

"I might have done like Jem," his brother said lately, "if I'd thought in time. There's as good

stuff in me as in him."

"There's as good stuff in that loaf of bread as in any I ever made,' said his wife, "but nobody can eat it, there's not enough yeast in it." The retort though disagreeable was true. The quick, wide-awake energy which acts as leaven in a character is partly natural. But it can be inculcated by parents and acquired by a boy if he chooses to keep his eyes open, and to act promptly and boldly in every emergency.

A True Lady.

I was once walking a short distance behind a very handsomelydressed young girl, and as I looked at her beautiful clothes, wondered if she took half as much pains with her heart as she did with her body. A poor old man was coming up the walk with a loaded wheel-barrow, and just before he reached us he made two attempts to go into the vard of a house; but the gate was heavy, and would swing back before he could get in.

" Wait," said the young girl, hurrying forward; "I'll hold the gate open."

And she held the gate till he passed in, and received his thanks with a pleasant smile, and she passed on.

She deserves to have beautiful clothes, I thought, for a beautiful spirit dwells within her breast.-College Journal.

Freddie was a bright little boy of eight years. One evening he was suffering from a severe cold. His papa gave him a dose of castor oil. During the evening he was very talkative, and asked a great many questions. His Uncle Mac said: "Why, Freddie, do you never get tired? Your little tongue is running all the time." Freddie looked up, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, and said: "How can it help running? hasn't it just been oiled?

A little girl braids the hair of one who sits in front of her, instead of studying, when the teacher remarks: Home is the place for arranging the hair, not here. What would you think of my braiding my hair in school?" Presently Susan's hand was raised, and the teacher supposing she wanted to ask some question about the lesson, node, when she hears the following: "Mary says your hair is false, and that you wouldn't dare do it here."

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