CHILDHOOD'S MELODRAMA. Varied Ways in Which the Theatrical

Lonely children particularly develop the dramatizing faculty, creating companions, as, lacking toys, they are ingenious at inventing playthings. A journey, gave her fond mother some flask. the outrageous pranks, including a powder-flask, and the mother gnat theft, assault and battery and incen- lays about three hundred at a time. diarism, to which her "big brother Now, each egg, by itself, would sink to private. It has prevented many seri-Peter" was addicted. As an offset to the bottom of the water; yet the gnat the disgrace of this relationship, she puts the whole three hundred todwelt with sweet enthusiasm upon the gether in the form of a little boat, winning traits of her "little sister, and in such a way that they will all Sally Pinker." On being questioned swim on the surface of the water; and by her mother, it appeared that this a very curious way she has of managhypothetical brother and sister were ing this. very distinct realities to the solitary | Like other insects, the gnat has six grop them from the list of kinship.

ing that not only was my ten together thus: der mother alarmed, but I myself became genuinely ill, unnerved by the making a kind of triangle, or figure of that the statute applies to persons incoherent utterances. Also, I well remember being taken to the photog-However exhorted to smile, the record of each experiment showed a uniform grimness of pursed lips, saucer the uninished end next to her body. When the boat is half built her hind legs are stretched out thus: eyes and slightly corrugated brows. The "infant sphinx," as the photo- The X, or cross form, is no longer spected by me with extreme delight. outstretched arms. Before and during the operation I had The boat is at length completed, tained for several years.

dimpling, coquettish Lalage face. The better than the best life-boat that has lady whose child-self is thus daintily ever yet been invented. memorized tells me that the motive | The eggs of insects are not, like of the sitter was to "look as though those of birds, always smooth, but my sweetheart had just kissed me!" It are sometimes ribbed, and sometimes corrected by her mother, conceived a carved on the outside. plan for lacerating the heart of the in- The shell of an insect's egg is rarely jurious parent. Her eyes being at the or never brittle like that of a bird. up a crimson-bound picture book, and which in some instances can be mired cover two great tear-drops, with | eggs of ants and some other insects, infinite satisfaction watching the growing considerably larger in the spreading circles of stain which in process of hatching. future years should so poignantly re-proach the maternal despot. The little before their eggs are hatched do not red book is still extant, and I have sit upon them like birds except in seen it, with its twin hieroglyphs ex- the singular instance of the earwig. pressive of so much naivete and which appears to attend more to inesse.—Atlantic.

## NEW PARROT STORY.

an adventure which discounts by 10. surface of their nests when it is warm 999 the average conventional parrot and dry, and deep down when it is story. He was fond of knocking about | cold or wet. in out-of-the-way quarters of the world, In consequence of being exposed to and left ship on the Central American the same temperature, all the eggs of coast with a party of comrades to ex- any particular species, in any given tines disturb the functions and do plore the wilderness. During a cruise district, are hatched exactly at the much mischief. The right treatment of several months the entire ship's same time, or at most within a few company-a merry crew-had devoted days; and when such eggs are numertheir odd hours in singing to a parrot. ous an immense number of caterpillars The sailors had lost no opportunities, make their appearance all at once on and taught the bird all the scafaring plants and bushes, and give rise to the lingo, and a few more or less elegant notion that they are brought by winds expletives besides. When the explor- or generated by what is called blighting ing party had bidden the bird and the weather, though this is as absurd as sailors good-bye they plunged into the it would be to say the wind could heart of the tropical forest. After bring a flock of cattle, or that the twenty-eight miles of mortal effort blight could generate a flight of spar-

they reached their camping-place for rows or rooks without eggs to hatch the night. Just as the sun was going them from. down they were startled to hear in the By looking carefully on the bark of primeval silence a familiar voice call- rose or currant bushes, or on the back ing down from the top of a tall palm: ribs of gooseberry leaves, the eggs "Avast there! Yo, heave ho!" It was may be found sometimes in patches, the ship's parrot. But before they sometimes in rows, whence the catercould recover their startled senses the | pillars are hatched that creep into the faithful bird, having flown ahead to buds, or stream over the leaves and prepare this unexpected treat for its devour them-N. Y. Ledger. chums of the voyage, fluttered down to the top of a dead stump near by, and, with a shrill call, summoned thousands name "Ouida" from her baby sister, of the little green paroquets of the that being the nearest the little one country. It is said that eleven thou- could come to Louisa. sand of them were counted, as they -Richard Gifford Palgrave, the circled around the great gray African Arabian traveler, is dead. According oracle on the stump, and finally took to the Jewish Chronicle he was born a their places on the ground row after Jew with the name of Cohen, but row. The explorers looked on in changed it when he married. ered assemblage became quiet, the ship's parrot burst into the words of a familiar song, and, to the inexting teen years old capture there burglars,

off-harse has been workin' for the com- an editor who often views with alarm pany for twelve years now." Passen- poetry which comes to him in an unger-'That so? The company must familiar handwriting would be able think a great deal of you both." to consider it more favorably if it had "Wall, I dunno; last wake the two of such a welcome attendant. - Christian us was taken sick and they got a doc- Inquirer. ther for the harse and docked me. Gid-ap, there, now, Betsy."-N. Y. pathy)-"I say, mum, I ain't got no-

"Nancy Lee." - Ballou's Magazine.

hope you like the bracelet; and let me mind it, mum, if I slep' in the snow be first to clasp it on that lovely arm." here until mornin'?" Lady of House May- 'Oh, Harry, it is just too beau- (who knows 'em)- "No, I ain't got tiful. But it must have your mono- any objections. You can drop down gram on." The Colonel-"My mono- there anywhere; only remember, that gram! You adorest and sweetest, to as I don't charge you any thing for So that I-I can not forget to whom shovel the snow away from the house I am engaged." (Collapse of the in the mornin'."-Life. Colonel.)

EGGS OF INSECTS.

Are Round, Some Like a Pyramid and Others Like a Flask. Insects' eggs are not all of an oval form, like those of birds, but some brotherless and sisterless four-year-old are like a pear, some like an orange, of my acquaintance, taken upon a some like a pyramid, and some like a rule and its practice seems to have

sensation, the little one being over- The egg of the gnat, for instance, and is not confined to persons travelheard reciting to a friendly stranger may be compared, in shape, to that of ing in carriages, but is recognized by

child, nor for a long time would she legs. Four of these (the four forelegs) she fastens to a floating leaf, or As a child, my record for truth-tell- to the side of a bucket, if she is on ing and ingenuousness of behavior was the water contained in a bucket. Her never impeached; yet I recall instances body is thus held level with the water, a penalty of a sum not exceeding \$20 of mental chicanery which, had they except the last ring of her abdomen, been made patent, would have sufficed which is a little raised. This being to raise grave doubts in the minds of my natural protectors whether I should not become a perjurer of the blackest stamp. Well do I recall that dull, rainy afternoon when, open-air sports her tail, serves as a kind of scaffoldbeing out of the question, I cast about ing, to support the eggs she lays, unfor some novel entertainment in-doors. til the boat is formed. Each egg, I had heard of the extraordinary delu-when laid, is covered with a kind of sions which had seized upon a relative of mine while in the delirium of a egg in the angle of the X until the fever. I, too, would be delirious, see second egg is laid by its side, and re-enacted in 1836, 1860 and 1882, seems visions and talk wildly. I succeeded glued to it; she then glues another to be plain and clear, but already several second egg is laid by its side, and re-enacted in 1836, 1860 and 1882, seems to be plain and clear, but already several egg in the angle of the X that the second egg is laid by its side, and re-enacted in 1836, 1860 and 1882, seems to be plain and clear, but already several egg is laid by its side, and the second egg is laid by its so well at this kind of feign- egg to its other side. All these stick eral questions of law have arisen relat-

blood-chilling character of my own incoherent utterances. Also, I well reupon egg, always keeping the boat in member being taken to the photographer's, and the lugubrious result attending the united efforts of the "artist," my parents—and myself. However exhorted to smile, the recurrence of the unfinished end next to her body.

graph was afterwards known in the wanted, and she holds up the boat as passages to wharves, and to any place family, was often clandestinely in- cleverly as if it were done with two

resolved that if I were to have my and an excellent boat it is, quite picture taken I would look noble water-tight. For, though it is very (synonymous in my mind with se- small and delicate, yet no tossing o That I had succeeded in my the waves will sink it; and nothing can design was the fond impression re- fill it with water, or turn it upside down. In fact, the glue with which it Beside this witness to the theatrical is covered prevents it from ever impulse in children might be placed being wet. Even if the boat be pushed another portrait which was lately down to the bottom of the water, up shown me-that of a laughing-eyed, it comes again quite dry; so that it is

was this same elf who, having been tiled, or otherwise sculptured or

height of their showery fit, she caught but composed of a tough membrane, bending over it, let fall upon its ad- stretched out, as appears from the

shifting the eggs about to places where they may receive moisture than to hatching them by covering them. Ants One That Discounts the Ordinary Yarn About Eleven Thousand Times. shift their eggs according to the changes of the day and night, and also A well-known New Yorker has had of the weather, placing them near the

-Louisa de la Ramee received the

familiar song, and, to the inextinguishable laughter of the travelers, cover and put out a fire, save a city the consternation of the rest of the from inundation and find \$50,000 in an

festive precentor, the whole of the alley. eleven thousand paroquets, with one -A Newark pastor lately had a mighty burst of song, broke into poem addressed to him, but it was accompanied with a purse of gold. Some people who send poems to newspapers -Street-car driver-"Me and that would do well to take a hint. Really

-Tramp (thinking to obtain symwhere that I can call a home, and I -The Colonel-"My own darling, I ain't eat nuthin' all day. Would you express the wish." May-"Yes, dear. your lodgin', I shall expec' you to

LAWS OF LOCOMOTION.

Rules and Practices That Have Been The duty of every person who meetous accidents to travelers in vehicles, and conducted much to the safety and comfort of travelers on foot, for who has not experienced the embarrassing awkwardness of being brought face to face with some person who, in attempting to pass, has turned in the

same direction. This rule so generally observed has, o far as it relates to travelers in vehicles been enacted in the Common wealth of Massachusetts as a law, with

The statutes provide that "when persons meet each other on a bridge or road, traveling with carriages. agons, carts, sleds, sleighs or other ehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the travelse part of such bridge or road, so that their respective carriages may pass each other without interference.

This statute, first passed in 1820 and ing to its meaning and have been determined by our courts. Notice first word "road" is not to be limited to roads which have been legally laid out and have thereby become public ways, to avenues leading to dwelling houses, stations, to private courts in cities, The fire of jealousy burns with very little boarding-houses, schools, railroad actually used and set apart for the purpose of being used for the passing of carriages, whether set apart by public authority or by license or perission of the owner.

Second. The statute applies to streets in cities as well as to roads in the country. Persons in our crowded city streets frequently find it more convenient to use the middle of the street r to turn to the left, and the rule requiring them to turn to the right is requently disregraded, but the law makes no distinction between city streets and country roads.

Third. Notice that the statute requires persons to drive to the right of the middle of the traveled part of the road. There is a distinction between the traveled part of the road and the

The traveled part is that part of the road which can be safely and conveniently used for travel. In case the track is wholly on one side of this part, as is frequently the case in country roads, the traveler is not obliged to turn to the right of the center of the track. If he turns to the right of the center of the part which safely and conveniently used for travel he complies with the law if there is room on the other side of the middle of that part for the other traveler to pass .- Horse and Stable.

## Poor Condition of Horses.

A poor, unthrifty condition is caused by indigestion or non-assimilation of the food. In the majority of cases it is the latter, as the appetite is ravenous and the food seems to be digested. ometimes parasites are the direct moving cause, and worms in the intesshould be to alter the condition of the organs and tone them up and strengthen them. For the former a ose of sixteen ounces of epsom saits may be given and repeated the second day afterward if thought necessary; for the latter give, with moistened cut hay, twice daily four quarts of ground oats, peas, and bran, adding a tablepoonful of the following mixture, viz: Eight ounces of hyposulphite of soda. we ounces of sulphate of iron, two two ounces of sulphate of iron, two inces of gentian root, two ounces of caraway seeds, and eight ounces of charcoal, all finely powdered. The noon feed should be of dry, long hay. The skin should be thoroughly but gently curried and brushed twice a day; much will depend upon this, athe skin is a very active excretory orran and its harshness and tightness inlicate that it is in a bad condition. Y. Times.

All About the Smiths.

these there are five places named Smith's.

Of places having Smith as a prefix there are 160. Smithville is the most popular of these names, there being thirty-two

Smithvilles in this little world. Next comes Smithfield, of which here are twenty-seven. There are three Smith landings and hree Smith's ferries to bring the

miths to the landings. Smith has one Basin, where doubt less Smith washes himself, and it is on

wo cross roads and one crossing, five creeks and a cove, two ports and one coint, twelve mills, one valley, three tations and one river, one ranch, one ork, one gap, one hill and three fords. Perhaps the oddest name among the smith titled places is Smith's Turn-Out, which is in South Carolina.

Smith's Sound is north of Baffin's bay and so say we all-Smith's Sound enough.-St. Paul Globe. Robert J. Burdette, the humorist. has been licensed to preach by the

Baptist church. -A fund is being raised in San Francisco to found a Memorial Garibaldi School, where Italian history can be taught to young Italian Americans.

A Terrible Misfortune.

ne's physical energies are failing in the prim weaker every day. Yet this is the unhappy lot of hundreds who surround us. A source of re The duty of every person who meeting others to "turn to the right" is very generally understood and acted upon throughout the country. The rule and its practice seems to have been adopted as by common consent, and is not confined to persons traveling in carriages, but is recognized by those traveling on foot, and is considered as the proper thing to do in private. It has prevented many serious accidents to travelers in vehicles,

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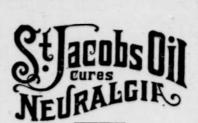


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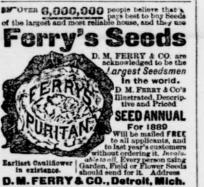
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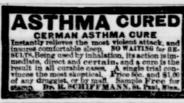
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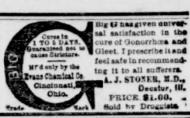
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