THE TOYS.

My little son, who look'd from thoughtful eyes And mov'd and spoke in quiet, grown up wise, Having my law the seventh time disobeyed, I struck him and dismiss'd With hard words and unkiss'd,

His mother, who was patient, being dead.
Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed.
But found him slumbering deep,
With darkened cyclids and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet,
And I with mean

From his late sobbing wet,
And I, with mean,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own,
For on a table drawn beside his head
He had put, within his reach,
A box of counters and a red vein'd stone,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach
And six or soven shells,
A bottle with binebells

and two French copper coins, rang'd there
with careful art
To comfort his sail heart.
So when that night I prayed
To God and wept and said:
"Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
Not were their about a death.

Not vexing thee in death, And thou rememberest of what toys We make our joys,
How weakly understood
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom then hast molded from the clay-

Thou it leave thy wrath and say, "I will be sorry for their childishness." -Coventry Patmore in Church Standard. HE WAS VERY HUNGRY.

How a Texan Got a Good Meal at a Gen eral's Expens

Mr. Goss. in his "Recollections of Private," quotes the remarks of a Confederate about two famous leaders under whom he had fought. This man said of Stonewall Jackson, "If you uns had some good general like him, I reckon you uns could lick we uns." When asked whether be had ever seen General Lee, he replied: "Yes; I was a sort of orderly for Uncle Robert for awhile. He's a mighty calmlike man when a fight is going on."

This story is told of General John B. Magruder:

"Our General Magruder thinks a powerful heap of what he eats and wears. He allers has a right smart of truck.

"There was a Texas feller one time who had straggled from his brigade, and he were a port one, he were, stranger. He were hungry enough to eat a neral, buttons and all—that Texas feller were. He saw Magrader's table all spread, with a heap of good fixin's on it, and I'll be hanged if he didn't walk in, pert as you please, grabbed a knife and fork and opened fire all along the line on them fixin's.

"Magruder heard something in his tent and hurried in and asked that Texas chap what brought him thar. The Texan 'lowed he were hungry. Then the general, stiff and grandlike, said, 'Do you know, sir, at whose table you are

"The Texas chap, he kept drivin in the pickets on them chick'ns, and he said to the gen'ral, said he, 'No, old hoss, and I ain't no ways partic'lar, neither, since I've come solderin.' "

"What did Magruder do?" asked a

"Do? Why, he saw them chicken fixin's were spiled, and he jest put his arm under his coattail, pulled his hat thar table 'cept the plates-not even his

compliments. 'Who were he? Well, no matter. He hadn't no manners, he hadn't. He were powerful hungry, stranger, that chap

A Fortunate Accident.

"I am lost!" the prima donna sobbed. "My years of hard study have gone for nothing."

"Alas, what is the matter?" asked her maid.

"My prospects are ruined, all through a wretched accident. Just as I was approaching the end of my aria a horrid bug flew on the stage and lit on my "And you screamed?"

"I did. What else could I do? It was my last scene and I had no chance to redeem myself."

The bell sounded and the maid announced a man from the theater.

"Show him in," said the prima don-na. "I may as well meet my fate at once. It is my dismissal from the com-

"Seuse me, ma'am, fur disturbin you," said the visitor, "but de manager wants to know did you run away from your curtain recall 'cause you was took

"No. I am perfectly well."
"All right. That'll ease his mind. He says that screech you let out at the wind up was the finest high O he's heard in years and yon've got the town crazy over you. "—Washington Star.

The Plymouth (England) breakwater contains more stone than does the great

It is likely that a macadamized road 100 feet wide, running along the lake from Chicago to Milwaukee, will be be-

The very poor of Berlin are better housed than those of any other large city in the world. The German capital is really without "slums."

The flagstaff standing in Kew garlens, Loudon, measures in height 159 feet, the weight being 4 tons 8 cwt. 2 grs. The wood is the Douglas pine of

Vancouver's island. A man and wife who keep a small shop in London have avoided paying taxes for 14 years. The husband goes to jail every year to serve out the legal term for unpaid taxes, while the wife takes charge of the shop.

RENEWAL OF YOUTH

BRASKA VILLAGE.

Villagers Excited Over the Increased Vigor of the Older Inhabitants-Experience of Two "Vets."

From the Wo.ld Herald, Omahs, Neb.] A World-Herald reporter was attracted by the evidence of renewed activity of some of the older inhabitants of the village of Bruce, a suburb of Omaha, Neb., and inquired the cause. Mr. Andrew Finkenkeler, who was a member of Company B of the First Iowa Volunteers during the war, made the following explanation so far as he himself is concerned:

"In July, 1866, while my company was on the march through to Austin, Texas, I was attacked with rheumatism of the worst kind in one leg, at Alexander, Louisiana. Being weak, I was sunstuck and remained unconscious for several hours. Every summer since I have been unable to stand the heat of the sun, and have been compelled to give up my work. There was in my head a bearing down feelmy head would burst, and it cansed a ringing in my ears, and palpitation of the heart set in, so that the slightest out the score for him. By advancing \$20 noise would set my heart thumping. Several times it has rendered me upconscious for from seven to ten hours ing, which increased until it seemed at a time. In addition to this the rhenmatism extended up my entife he procured work as a chore boy in a side until it drew my head down, on Chicago musical college and worked his my shoulder. I lost my strength and flesh and was totally unfit for work.

"For twenty-eight years I have consulted physicians and taken their prescriptions without deriving any material benefit. My ailments increased in intensity until I was assured that there was no hope for me. During last year I went into the butcher business, but the dampness from the ice used increased my rheumatic pains to such an extent that I was not only compelled at them so long and earnestly that he to quit the business, but was confined concluded to write a song about a lightto my house and bed for nearly six

"In November last I read in the World-Herald a case of a man who had been entirely cured from the ailments from which I was suffering, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. On November 28 I purchased a box. In a week I was astonished to know that I felt better than I had for six months past, and before I had used half a box the ringing in my ears began to lessen in volume and finally left me. The pain from the rheumatism gradually left me, so that within one

week from the time I took my first pill week from the time I took my first pill of it the sale ceases abruptly. One of I was able to sit up in bed. On January 1st I was able to go out and walk Morning Star," won a prize in a comaround a little. The palpitations of my heart entierly ceased. On February 9 I was so thoroughly cured that I accepted a position as night watchman over his eyes and walked out. And that Texas hoss didn't leave anything on that ing out of doors from 6 P. M. until 6 A. M. I have gained in weight from 144 pounds, which I weighed in November last, to 172 pounds, which I weigh now.

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The Fires Will Make Work For Many,

"What is the probable loss from the fire on pine stumpage throughout the state?" was asked of a leading logger. "The loss is in one sense nominal,"

replied he. "You understand, fire does not burn the body of a pine tree. It only burns off the bark and foliage. The trunk of the burned tree is as good as ever it was, with this exception-the tree, after it is burned, must be cut the succeeding winter, else it will become worm eaten and worthless.

"This fire is a blessing in disguise to labor. Every owner of burned pine stumpage must go to work this coming winter and cut every foot of it, and many of these owners are forced to cut perhaps hundreds of millions of feet of stumpage they would not otherwise have cut for years to come. They are, you see, forced to employ immense crews of men they would not otherwise have had use for. "-St. Paul Globe.

The Record Price For Pictures.

Eleven thousand guineas (something over \$55,000) is now the record price paid in an auction room in London for a picture. This amount was realized at Christie's for Sir Joshua Reynolds' portrait of Lady Betty Delmse, sister of the Earl of Carlisle, with her children, a picture which is well known through engravings. It was put up at 5,000 guineas and was secured by Charles Wertheimer, a dealer, for 11,000 guineas. - London Standard.

The great lake in Kilauea overflowed its banks on July 8, and on the 12th the lava fell 270 feet in 12 hours, causing the banks to fall in on all sides and engulfing about eight acres of the floor of the crater. The falling of the banks was going on all day and far into the night and produced a sight indescriba-bly grand.—Honolulu Letter. A NEGRO'S POPULAR BALLADS

Gesin Davis and His Notable Work as Writer of Songs.

Few of the many millions of people who have sung or otherwise enjoyed "The Fatal Wedding," "The Light-house by the Sea," "The Maple on the Hill" and numerous other popular songs are aware that Gussie L. Davis, the man who composed them, is a negro. Davig, who is still a very young man, spent his boyhood in Cincinnati, where he became acquainted with James E. Stewart, the author of "Jenny, the Flower of Kildare," and other well known songs. Bavis had considerable talent for song writing, although he could not read or write music, and A STRANGE STORY FROM A NE- Stewart, before he died a drunkard in the Cincinnati workhouse, gave him a great many points concerning the busi-

Davis' first song was "The Maple on the Hill." He composed the words and



his life work. With commendable pluck way through the institution, devoting three years to hard study. About this time he fell in love with

pretty octoroon girl of Cincinnati, Miss Lottie B. Stark, who gave him the inspiration for one of his most successful songs in a very prosaic manner. She sent him a pair of suspenders upon which was embroidered a good likeness of a lighthouse and a ship. Davis naturally admired the suspenders and looked house and a ship. The result was "The Lighthouse by the Sea," a song that won wide popularity a few years ago and was played by street bands and hand organs from one end of the country to the other.

Davis married the pretty octoroon in 1885, and she has been of great assistance to him in his musical work. They live in New York, and Davis has already written about 500 songs, a number of which have been great successes. One odd thing about the business is that when a song becomes popular it is soon of no value. A great many copies are sold at first, but when the public tires petition entered by many of the most prominent song writers in the country.

PLUCKY CUBAN PATRIOTS.

Confident of Ultimate Victory.

The Cuban patriots have an army of 25,000 men in the field and are making such a formidable fight for liberty that the first Spanish reserve has been called out to re-enforce the 125,000 troops General Martinez Campos is ineffectually using to put down the rebellion in Cuba. Santa Clara and Puerto Principe, two of the six provinces, are almost wholly in the possession of the insurgents, who are gaining strength and confidence every day. Just now the Cu-bans and their friends in the United States are particularly encouraged be-cause of the fact that Major General Carlos Roloff and eight other brave patriot officers recently landed in Santa Clara, Cuba, with the most powerful expedition ever dispatched by the friends of the insurgents.

Hundreds of repeating rifles, two small cannon for mountain fighting, hundreds of revolvers, 700,000 rounds of ammunition, 500 pounds of dynamite and many other munition of war argently needed by the patriots were car ried in safety past watching Spanish cruisers

and placed in the hands of General GENERAL ROLOFF. Zayas, who is in command of the Santa Clara troops. Nearly 500 men, many of them veterans of the last war for indendence, were landed at the same time. The money to pay for all these supplies was raised by the friends of the insurgents in New York, and it is said that these patriotic symputhizers expended about \$80,000 in cash in fitting out the expedition. The arms and ammunition were purchased in the United States, carried to the Bahamas in small boats, loaded on four schooners flying the British flag and then hurried to the Cuban coast.

Since the late war for independence began it is said 3,000 rifles, 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition and numerons other supplies have been sent to the patriots from the United States. The insurgents say Spain is out of money and that as her troops will not fight unless they are paid, victory seems certain for the flag with the single star. Housekeeping at Samon

Mrs. Robert Louis Stavenson says that housekeeping in Samoa was not so idyl-lic as it might seem. Her supplies came from New Zealand or Australia coce a month, so that if she wanted a bottle of bluing or a bag of flour, for instance, she had to send half across the Pacific to get it. The native diet was all well enough for a few weeks, but as it consisted almost solely of fruit and fish it began to pall on European palates. Housekeeping in this South Sea paradise (of romances) had other drawbacks, particularly in the matter of expense, which was fully six or seven times as great, Mrs. Stevenson says, as living on a corresponding scale in San Francisco. As for society, "there's more of it to the square inch in Samos than in any other place I know, "says Mrs. Stevenson, but it appears to be largely of the living picture kind.

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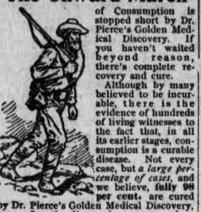
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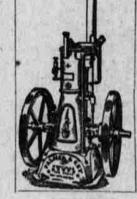
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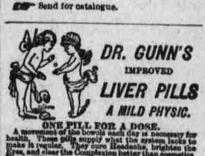
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