LITTLE COUSIN JASPER

title Comsin Jasper he on't live in this town like on a lives 'way to Rensertaer, in 'let come to visit here.

He mays 'at our court house squa Alo'l nigh big as theirn is there. He says their town 's big as four Er five towns like this, an more.

He mays of his folks moved here He'd cry to leave Remedace: Because they's prairies there, an labor An will ducks an rattlemakes.

Fee, an little Jaspor's pa Basets most things you ever saw. Wunst he abot a deer one day, At swummed off an got away.

Little Cousin Jasper went An camped out wurst in a tent Wiv his pa, an helt his gun While be kill a turrapun.

An when his ma beard o' that, An more things his pa's been at, She maps, "Yes, an he'll git shot "Fore he's man grown, like as not."

An they'n muserate there, an minks An di-dippers an chowinks— Yes, an cal'mus roet you chew All up, an 'twon't pless you.

An in town's a flagpole there— Highest one 'ut's anywhere In this world—wite in the street Where the big mass meetins no Yes, an Jasper be says they Got a brane band there, an play On it, an march up an down. An all over round the town.

Wisht our town sin't like it is: Wisht it's 'int as big as his; Wisht 'at his folice they'd move hero, An wild move to Rennsclaer! —James Whitcomb Hiley in Century.

Why He Was Feeling He

A reporter was the only passenger in a street car. Midway of a block another man got in. His hat was shed and his clothing daubed with mud. For a time he sat silent. Then he hitched up toward the reporter and began, "I guess I'm the biggest fool running loose in this town." "So!" answered the newspaper

"Yes, sir. I haven't got sense mough to be let go without a guar leen. See that car on ahead there!" The car was half a dozen blocks

"Wani, sir, I ran like sixty for more'n a block to ketch that car."

"Couldn't catch it, ch! "Yes, I could. That's the trouble I did ketch it, an I gin the conductor a dime on the hind platform, an he gin me a nickel change. Then some how I up an dropped the nickel over-board. I hollered to the conductor to stop, but he wouldn't. So I ups and jumps off backwards. Look at my clo'es! When I got up that car was out o' reach, so I had to wait for this one."

"Did you find your nickel?"
"Oh, yes; found that right enough.
Lost my car, split my clo'es and
skinned my back jest for the privilege of pickin up that five cent pace
an givin it to this conductor."—New
York Herald.

A Dag with a Passion for Papers.
A friend whose factory is not far
from London bridge had a fine retriever which suddenly contracted a
habit of bringing in all the daily
papers and latest periodicals. The owner was much exercised in mind as to where the dog obtained this litsture and had a watch set upon

him.

It was soon discovered that the animal went to London bridge station to meet the people on their way to business, selected an unsuspecting victim, snatched the paper or book from his hand or coat pocket, and hied off to his master in high give. Swift punishment soon cured him of his thievish propensities, and he was not allowed even to carry any parcel or stick—an accomplishment which had evidently incited him to robbery with violence.—London Telegraph.

A closer alliance between public and private charities must be secured. If the public authorities continue to administer outdoor relief their cancer to administer outdoor relief any ought to be in constant communication with the private agencies agaged in the same work. There is o reason why there should not be carty co-operation between the verseers of the poor and the agents were set to the poor and the agents were set to the poor and the agents of the benevolent so the poor and the agents.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. no reason why there should not be hearty co-operation between the overseers of the poor and the agents and visitors of the benevolent so-cioties. The lack of such co-opera-tion is one of the gaps through which mendicancy creeps in.—Rev. Wash-ington Gladden in Century.

Trother-You look sad.

Bariow-I am. I took my best girl to church and put half a sovereign on the plate in order to impress ber, and she never saw it.—Exchange.

A society was organized in New York city nearly 190 years ago for the encouragement of American woolens. The rules of the society forbade eating lambor mution or the

In 1801 a nugget of fifteen pounds weight, shaped exactly like a crees, with the exception of the right arm, was discovered in the Buriss mine, near Melbourne. Australia.

IN THE LOUVRE

husiastic "English" Guide. dear sir." says the guide, "My dear sir." says the guide,
"three francs an hower, show you
tings never see at all widout guide."
He stands with his hat off, grasping
a blackthorn stick, his eastern comtenance wrinkling into innumerable
smiles. I look first at him and then
at the little man with his hands deen smiles. I fook first at tim and thesat the little man with his hands deep in a bulgy covert coat. Which shall it be! "My dear sir," says the guide, "'e does not spik English, 'e is Cherman. I am English guide." There is something so simple and good humored about him that, though I the Louvre pretty well as it

know the Louvre pretty were in I fall an easy victim.

So we pass into the Pavillon de l'Horioge. "I am English guide," says my friend excitedly, flourishing his blackthorn. He was born at Gibralta, of Spanish parents, and his same is Bazouk, and directly we get aware the ancient sculpture he leads among the ancient sculpture he leads me to a large marble basin, directs to hang my head down over it and listen. Then he goes to the end of the collections. and listen. Then he goes to the end of the gallery to a corresponding basin and whispers. It is alone worth the three francs to hear Bazouk's voice so mysteriously come to me up quietly out of my own basin. Wondrous echo! 'My dear sir,' says Bazouk, 'you come here tousand years widout guide; you never find that out." And he laughs triumphantly, as though the echo was his own particular friend and would work for no one else.

"All dese, very old, very ancient,

his own particular friend and would work for no one else.

"All dese, very old, very ancient, very 'teresting, come from Greece," waving his blackthorn at the other figures, "but no time for everyting, Pleasakomere! My dear sir, Venus der Milo." Pause to allow me time to admire. Then, "So noble, so majesty, so splendick beautiful." Very slowly and impressively, beating his hand with the knob of the blackthorn. "Remember three tings: Feerst, not made of a good piece of marble; segond, no one ever among best artists able exactly to copy expression of face; theerd, no one knowing what she do wid 'ands. All try, no one succeed. Remember three

ing what she do wid ands. All try, no one succeed. Remember three tings." And he gives them me again. A crowd—a gang of desolate, dreary English—wander around upon us from the Melpomene, under the direction of a stout man in light clothes. If you had met them on a country road you would have declared them the more harmless lunatics out for a constitutional. Hazouk nudges me and whispers, "Cook's, joost like cattle." He salutes their keeper, who nods in reply, and as the tail of the melancholy comet passes us repeats, melancholy comet passes us repeats,
"Cook's." "Ya-as," says a young
man drawling behind, "Cook's come
to see Passes man drawing beams, "Cooks come to see Parces, any objections?" To whom the ever polite Bazouk raises his hat and replies, "Enjoy yourselfs, my dear sir."—Temple Bar.

Physical Exercia

Dr. Sargent estimates that the pur-mit of outdoor sports is limited to probably less than 1 per cent. of our vigorous young men. Even among the members of athletic organiza-tions only 10 per cent. are really active. Dr. Sargent attributes the in-creasing lack of interest to the grow-ing tendency among Americans, as a people, to pursue sport as an end in itself rather than as a means to an end. In making excellence in the achievement the primary object of athletic exercises they are robbed of half their value in various ways—for half their value in various ways—for instance, by increasing the expenses of training; by the devoting of too much time to practice; by reducing the number of active competitors; by relying upon natural resources rather than on cultivated material; by depriving the nonathletic indi vidual of incentive to physical exer-sions, by depriving the exercises of tions; by depriving the exercises of their efficiency as a means of health. Dr. Sargent holds that the harmo-

When arranging his books Renan was accustomed to put on an old coat, almost in rags. On the day when he was for the first time to when he was for the first time to meet the Duc d'Aumale at the acad-emy he remembered the appoint-ment while thus busied, and without remembering how he was dressed took a cab to the academy. There he had the usual cordial reception, and had a long talk with the new seedemician.

academician.
On returning home, before Mme.
Renau had time to make any remark,
he said to her, "I am just back from
the scadsmy, and I don't know what
there is about me, but all my collesques, while exceedingly friendly,
had a surprised look." Mme. Renau
then called his attention to his lilerary coat."—M. de Blowitz in London Times.

PREVENTING FUTURE MINERY

If there is, to this vale of tears, a more prolific source of misery than the recursate twinge, we have yet to hear of it. Toppie are born with more to the manufacture, and the second of the second

Guessed It.—"Dennis, you're a gentlema and a scholar; is this where you ruminate! "Begoris, and you guessed it the first tolme this is jist where I room an ate."

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA.

enator James F. Pierce of New York

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