When I was out a verdant youth
I thought the truly great
Were those who had attained, in truth,
To man's mature serial.
And none my soul so saily tried
Or spoke such hiter things
As he who said that I was field
To mather's aprecipatings.

I leved my mother, yet it memed. That I must brink away and that the broader world I dreamed Beyond the premise lay. But I have sighed and I have cried. O'er all the cruel stings. I would have missed had I been tied. To mother's apron-airings.

Oh, happy, trustful girls and boys The mather's very is best.

She leads you mat the fairest joys
Through paths of prace and rest.
If you would have the safets guide,
And drink from avectual springs.
Oh, keep your hearts firever tied
To mother's agron-strings.
Sixon Watermax, in L. A. W. Bulletin.

SUGAR OR SALT.

BY BYE JOHNSON.

It was an old-fashioned house, in It was an old-fashioned house, in the suburb of an old-fashioned town. Nancy Moore stood upon the porch and watched the carriage until it disap-eared around the bend near the bridge: then, turning, danced gleefully into the pleasant kitchen. "Miss Nancy Moore, 'Missua' for the day, if you please," she saild aloud with. said aloud with a sweeping courtery, though her own bright self was the only being visible. Then dropping into an easy chair, placed invitingly near an open window through which the sweet morning air came in delightful little puffs, she proceeded to plan her day's work.

"Mamma and paps are off for the day,"
"Mamma and paps are off for the day,
and I may work my own sweet will
while they are away. There's a
rhyme to begin with, you silly thing.
They will be gone until near five, and Cousin Hal is coming home with them to tea. I am to prepare that tea, or to tea. I am to prepare that tea, or rather dinner. Let me see, what shall we have? There's beautiful bread, butter and honey for a foundation. I'll make some of those muck mines pies papa loves so dearly. Then a white cake and a cream layer, a mold of variegated apple jelly to please mamma, some lemon jelly to please Hall (with a flush at mention of this name); "then there's potato salad, creamed potatoes, fried chicken — there—that will do. Nancy, you must remember the will do, Nancy, you must remember the darling old papa is not rich."

Springing up, the happy girl took down a huge gingham apron from a convenient nail, and after domaing it, rolled her sleeves above her dimpled elhows. The fire was rebuilt in the cookstove and the dampers were regu-lated. Then seizing a pan she ran lightly down the cellar stairs to the

potato bin.

"Two cupfuls and a half of grated potato," she said, as she selected tubers, "and if I have any over I shan't put it in as I did last time. Strange how casy it is to spoil a nice dish by not following the directions implicitly."

Nancy sang merrily as she pared, washed and dried the potatoes. Then she proceeded to grate them coarsely, but unfortunately rubbed her thumb aver the grater, thereby interrupting her song for a minute. But she was too happy to care for a wounded thumb and was soon warbling away in rivalry with the birds who were singing their October melodies preparatory to a flit-

"Two cupfuls and a half of grated potato, two cupfuls of boiling poured over them, one cupful of vine-gar, one of molasses, one and a half of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon and one of cloves. Butter size of an egg and a cupful of raisins," she repeated sloud, as she added each in-gredient in turn. "There, that's all Now for my crust and papa's minee pies

In a very short time she had four dainty-looking pies in the oven, and the savory odor they emitted when she presently opened the oven door was a wonderful imitation of the original to say the least.

While her pies were balking, she pre-pared her mold of variegated apple jelly by peeling and cutting up a pound of sour apples and putting them to cook in a stewpan with three ounces of sugar, a cupful of water and the juice and grated rind of a lemon. When they were cooked to a pulp, she put them through a strainer and added an ounce of gelatific, which she had dissolved in a gill of water. Half of the apples she colored with a teaspoonful cochineal, and then she filled her mold with alternate layers of the colored and uncolored fruit. When it was cold, she turned it out upon a glass dish, and it was to be served with a pint of whipped cream plied high on the center. This done, she made the cream for her layer cake. By that time the ples were done and the cake making

Everybody has a favorite recipe for white cake, but perhaps Nancy's simple formula for layer cake may fill the need of some one whose pape like hers is "not right" "One cupful of white sugar," said she aloud—someway she had talked to berself all day—'one egg, half a cupful of saleratus and one of lemon. Now just flour enough for a running batter, and into the three tha

Everything turned out splendidly, and Nancy felt a thrill of pardonable pride as she surveyed her finished pies.

"Now for my lemon jelly," she said,
ifter a short rest in the casy chair by
the window, and a few breaths of the
jure fresh air that had a hint of frost if, "I shall be all done by twelve and on climb the hill for those autumn even this afternoon."

Half an hour later a row of fancy side of gulden jelly stood upon one the wide old-fashioned window sills. brisk and energetic war was then all with the various articles used in

iess, the tired yet happy girl hung ness, the tired yet happy girl hung up her gingham apron and rolled down her alseves with a righ of relief. The chicken was in the cool cellar all ready for the frying pan, the potato salad must be prepared later on, for it could not stand too long, while it would only take a few minutes to cream the potatoes while the chicken fried.

Nancy thought of all this while setting the table. The wice kitchen was also the dining-room, but it was built

also the dining-room, but it was built before people began cutting their houses up into so many rooms. The east end with its maiting covered floor, windows full of sweet smelling plants, and daintily set table with its snowy linen and shining glass, formed so pretty and inviting a picture, no one

need look further.

The girl gave a sigh of satisfaction as she surveyed her finished task, then covered all with a length of netting An hour's rest, a lunch for which she brought a good appetite, and then she set out on her search for October treas-

She was back long before the hour of her parents' return, and when they ar-rived she stood at the gute to receive them. Hal Dinaley was with them, as she had expected, and he thought he

as she had expected, and he thought he had never seen so fair a picture as she presented in her soft brown dress, a spray of belated goldenrod at her throat and another in her hair. There was a happy look in her dark eyes, and a deep flush stained her cheek as he held her hand in greeting. But someway he did not like the "Coustn Had." so freely bestowed. A peacer. Hal," so freely bestowed. A nearer and dearer title would have been far

more to his liking.

They were a little inte, so made haste to prepare for the meal which Nancy

said was waiting for them.

How everybody did enjoy that tea.
It was not considered ill-mannered in

It was not considered ill-mannered in that section, if anything was particularly good, to say so, and Nancy found herself loaded with complinents.

"Now, here's a pie a man can eat without a haunting fear of indigestion or nightmare," said Mr. Moore, as he deposited a generous triangle of the mock mines upon his plate. "You have excelled yourself, dear, they are splendid." Thus it was with everything until the calcs were passed.

til the cakes were passed.

Nancy sat with downcast eyes, blushing under Hal's admiring glunces, when a sudden and complete silence on the part of all caused her to look up. Mr. Moore was evidently on the verge of a fit, or making a heroic attempt to sup-press a laugh. She glanced at Hal. He, too, was uniling, despite all efforts to the contrary. "My dear," said her mother in a queer voice, "where did

you get the sugar for your cake?"
Nancy looked surprised. "Why, after I used what was in the bucket, I opened that paper papa brought yesterday."
"Oh, by George, I thought so," and Mr. Moore burst into a ringing peal of

Mrs. Moore could not speak, but mo-tioned for Nancy to taste her piece of

She obeyed, but the expression of disrusted amazement on her face which followed was too much for Hal, and he soined the chorus. Nancy sat a mo-nent the picture of mortification. Her sautiful cake, which rivaled the snow n whiteness, and her cream layer of which she had been so proud, were both nade of salt!

But really, it was too comical, and a noment later she was laughing as

heartily as any of them.

Well, the suppor was a great success, notwithstanding her awful binnder; and ere she laid her head upon her pillow that night Cousin Hal, who really was no cousin after all, had asked her to sweeten his cales for all his life. And she had promised to do so, provided

he furnished nothing but sait.

Namey is now mistress of a home of her own, and has become a notable housewife. But she never uses the contents of a package without being sure whether it is sugar or salt,-Good

ENGLISH DRINKING SONGS. Fletcher's Happy Efforts and the Varia

The best of the English drinking song were written by the dramatists of the seventeenth century, men who trolled out their vigorous sentiments, linked sweetly together in flowing verse, with-out the smallest thought or fear of shocking anybody. Frankly indecor-ous, they invite the whole wide world to drink with them, to empty the brimming tankerd passed from hand to hand, and to reel home through the frosty streets, where the watchman at their unsteady steps, and quiet sleepers, awakened from dull dreams echo with drowsy sympathy the last swelling cadence of their uproarious song. Where there is no public senti-ment to defy even Bacchanalian rioters and Bacchanalian verses cease to be defiant. What admirable good temper and sincerity in Fletcher's importun-

Tyrink to-day and drown all sorrow.

Tou shall perhaps not do it to-morrow.

You shall perhaps not do it to-morrow.

Best, while you have it use your breath.

There is no drinking after death.

"Then let us swill, boys, for our health Who drinks well loves the commonwest And he that will to bed go sober Palls with the leaf, still in October."

Upon this song successive change have been rung, until now its variations are bewildering, and to it we owe the ever-popular and utterly indefensible glae roared out for generations by many lusty tavern chorus:

"He who goes to bed, and goes to bed Falls as the leaves do, and dies in October; But he who goes to bed, and goes to bed

mellow. Lives as he ought to do, and dies an honest fellow."

-Atlantic.

Just Like Monkeys. The Behosy, who occupy a densely wooded country among the hills of Bemaraha, jump from tree to tree just like monkeys, and are not easily followed, inaamuch as their territory is exceedingly rocky. They are very timid, exceedingly rocky. They are very timid, extendibled; and when they were all put in their places in shining cleanly captured N. Y. Sun.

PUNCENT PARAGRAPHS

Not in the Mood, First Clubman —"Are you going to Mrs. Be Stormusicale to night?" Second Cluisses—"No. I'm not in a mood for talking. -N. Y. Weekly.

-Rig Success... "What do you this of my tragedy?" asked the self-act field playwright. "It's great. Neve laughed harder at anything in my life."
-Detroit Free Press.

-"Folks dat is allus lookin' for trouble," said Uncle Eben, "hab jes' co t'ing to brag erbout. Dey doan' hard! eber git disapp'inted." — Washington

—"Say, Weary, wot are you walkin' round in yere bare foots fer?" "I'm try-in' die yer Kneipp cure." "Wot fer, Weary?" "Cause some dinblasted snoozer stole me shoes!" — Cleveland Plain Dealer

-Her Level Head,-"Madame, can I sell you this valuable book, "What to Do Before the Physician Comes?" "No sir: you don't eatch me doing the worl and then letting the doctor draw the pay."—Chicago Record.

-Nell-"Miss Bjones uses French phrases in the most peculiar manner." Pell—"Does she?" Nell—"Yes, indeed! Why, at breakfast yesterday I asked her how she liked her eggs and she said they were very chick."—Philadelphia Record —She—"I don't see how you ever had

the nerve to have your tooth pulled before the whole class of dental student Did you scream?" Mayme—"I don' Did you scream?" Mayme—"I don' know whether I did or not. As soon as the professor tackled the tooth three berrid students set up their college vel and seared me so that I den't even know whether it hurt."—Indianapolis Jour

WEATHER AND BRAINS.

Psychological Effect of the Former on the Latter.

The psychological effect of the

the psychological effect of the weather has long been a most interesting study. Most people feet the influence of dull days, east winds and extreme cold on their spirits and energies, mental and physical. An arctic cold and tropical heat are unfavorable to literary composition, for example, and we speak of cold "freezing our wits," an expression which is not altogether figurative but rests on a common experience Goethe found that his capacity for most tal work depended on the height of the barometer and other instances of meteorological influence on the mini-could be collected from the writings of celebrated men.

Suicide occurs most frequently summer, perhaps owing to the heat ame exhaustion, and not, as might be au-posed, in winter. The American Jounal of Psychology has an article on the subject in which the head of a least factory is reported to state that a agreeable day causes a reduction of per cent, in the output of the works

Fine days make people grustons a accessible and opinions even on an days are held by some to be the self the influence of the weather upon thought acuty, the serve and the creations of the creation of the c has also been recognized in a tory way. Nervous, excitable a hie persons are promoto feel the influence of bad weather and blame their elements are
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stances. Certain functional troubles
of the liver, a chronic catarrh, a rheumatic joint, even a bad corn, predispose
people to auffer from weather changes. -Providence Journal.

A Turfed Ballroad Bed.

Grass will grow on a railway bed if the ties are covered with soil and seed sown. This can be verified by a visito the Enirmount park trolley line n the Belingstavenue entrance. This tion of the track resembles two parall ralls hild through a green meadow, an the presention is that the railway management intended to make the en-tire track from end to end like it. If the grass can be kept green in dry as well as wel semons the presence of the track will hardly may the landson. at all. Even the poles and trolley : nies and wires which have been lowed to disfigure the park in ex-rection. There is a possibility, course, that the grass between rection. Here is a possibility, course, that the grass between it tracks may prove a hindrance to reoperation of the line even if it is open mostal, but this is hardly probable it. the grass is kept well mayed. A mile way line with no ties in sight and car-peted with a inxuriant greens and will be a novelty at least.—Philadelphia Times.

Freezing Air.

Most students of chemistry invescer water frozen in the average tempera ture of a room, but few bave ever seer ture of a room, but leve eavierer seen the air solidified so that it could be bandled like lee or any other rangible article. But this has been done by Prof. James Dawas, of London. The opera-James Devas, of London. The opera-tion is carried on through several stages and with various agents. Gases are reduced to liquids under great me-chanical pressure, then suddenly lib-erated. Certain gasses under pressur-give a temperature 145 degrees below zero, and the evaporation of these is one part of the process. Pressured in the part of the process. Pressure of almost 2,000 pounds to the square inch has been 2,000 pounds to the square inch has been employed for the gases. The experi-ments are enormously expensive with present appliances and are of use only as demonstrations of possibilities. With further research may come amore simple and less easily methods and materials and less easily methods and materials and less easily methods and materials. The future of freezing has great promise and its value cannot be estimated.

Thirsty Lauds.

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