THE LAST JACKSTRAW.

Some Things That Even a Small Boy Cannot Stand.

The small boy Jack was discovered by an elderly friend in a street at the other end of the city from that in which he lives, says the Youth's Companion. The tears had left their marks on his cheeks, and every now and then a sob still shook his little body, but he trudged sturdily on without one backward look

"Hello, Jackie! What's the matter?" asked the friend as the small boy tried to brush past.

"I ain't a-going to tell you," he announced, ramming his small fists into his eyes.

"Certainly not," acquiesced the old gentleman cheerfully. "Beautiful morning for a stroll, isn't it?" Jack eyed him obstinately.

"I passed your house a little while ago, and it seemed to me that I smelt ginger snaps cooking," observed the old man carelessly.

"I don't care!" said Jack fiercely. "I'm running away."

"I don't blame you," said the man cordially. "I wouldn't stay in a house where they cooked ginger snaps right under a fellow's nose either."

"Tain't that!" snapped Jack. "It's 'cause-'cause mamma told papa this morning that her-her sealskin coat was so worn out she'd never be able to wear it anothernother winter," he explained, the tears starting afresh.

"Still," said the friend good naturedly, "one can live in a house where there isn't a sealskin coat."

"You don't understand!" wailed Jack.

"Well, you tell me about it, Jack ie," urged the man.

"I-I-I won't wear sealskin pants!" sobbed Jack, all his wrongs coming again before his mind's eye.

Teaching a Dog to Read.

The intelligence of animals seems, as a rule, to be underrated rather tion instruted. A dog broader de-scribed a worderful in the lind and belonged to Sir delta Lubbock. "Thir dog," he said, "would when it was hungry lay at its master's feet a card marked 'food.' When it was thirsty it would betelt a card may bell serwill. When it winited to take a with it would brieg a card marked

tair John Lubbock tracked it to do this trick in less than a month. He put the food card over the dog's food and made it bring the card to him before he would allow it to eat, and in the matter of drinking and going out he used a like method. The cards were similar in shape and color, but the writing on them differed. Since, therefore, the dog distinguished them by the writing alone it may truly be said that the animal could read.

Her Dearest Wish.

"Mamma," asked little Florence, the only sister of five older brothers, "when am I going to be a boy?" "Why, never, dear. You are mamma's little girl."

"Ain't I ever going to be a boy?" "No, dear; girls can't be boys.

"Can't God make me a boy?"

"No; God will never make you a Florence walked away thoughtful-

ly, and that night when she said her prayer she added this petition: "If you can't make me a boy then make me a billygoat."—Woman's Home Companion.

All the Same to Him.

"Are you troubled with cockroaches or other insects about your premises, ma'am?" inquired the man with the pack who had succeeded in gaining an audience with the mistress of the mansion.

"No, sir!" she said, glaring at him. "We are not troubled by cockroaches or other insects!"

"Don't mind 'em, hey?" he re-joined cheerfully, shouldering his pack again. "Well, there's nothing like getting used to one's afflictions. Good day, ma'am."—Chicago Trib-

Expectancy.

The country elergyman was nailing a refractory creeper to a piece of trelliswork near his front gate when he noticed that a small boy had stopped and was watching him with great attention.

"Well, my young friend," he said, pleased to see the interest he excited, 'are you looking for a hint or two on gardening?"

"No," said the youth; "I be waiting to hear what a parson says when he hammers his thumb."

A LESSON IN GEOMETRY.

The Way the Boarding House Strikes a Vassar College Girl.

A Kansas girl attending Vassar college sends the following excerpt from what the students of that institution call "The Domestic Eu-

Definitions:

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Question For Question.

A young Japanese compositor employed on a Japanese journal was ding downtown in a city hall train the other morning. He was engrossed in his morning paper and paid little attention to the other passengers. But a fresh looking young man who sat next to him and who had been eving him all along suddenly said:

"What sort of a 'nese' are you, anyway-a Chinese or a Japanese?" The little Jap was not caught napping. Quick as a wink he re-

"What sort of a 'key' are you, nyway-a monkey, a donkey or a Yankee?"

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