











Youths' Department.

JESSIE'S SCHOOL.

Such a beautiful place for a "school," you know. On the hillside green where the breezes blow; Where daisies and buttercups grow all the day...

POLLY'S MORTIFICATION.

One day in November, soon after the arrival of her pet kitten, Polly said: "Mamma, I'm so glad we're going to stay in the country all winter; for I think really the country is so much better place to bring up a kitten in!"

FACTS AND FIGURES.

—Arizona, which gave us 17,000,000 pounds of copper last year, expects to make it 25,000,000 this year. —There are now in the State of Pennsylvania twenty thousand oil wells, yielding sixty thousand barrels of oil daily.

The Volcano Kilama.

There are at present two active points on Kilama, known as the old and new lakes. After a walk of two or three miles, we approached the latter and looked over the brink. We had been advised in advance that the volcano was very inactive, and, as some thought, dying out, and we had feared to lose our labor in coming.

Beautiful Hands—How to Make Them.

While it is impossible for one to make a beautiful hand, it is possible to make a hand beautiful. All may not have soft, white, eloquent hands with dimpled joints, tapering fingers, and crested nails as pink and polished as a Persian sea-shell, but all who believe in the efficacy of soap and water and know the first principles of the manicure's art can make a hard hand soft, or brown one white, knotted joints supple, and can cultivate the nails into any shape or form imaginable.

Precautions Against Drought.

While we can not influence the rainfall we can, at least, mitigate the effects of drought to a certain extent by the proper preparation and cultivation of the soil. It is a well-known fact that when the soil is kept in a loose, friable condition it not only absorbs moisture from the atmosphere, especially at night, but allows the downward course of the water during showers instead of a loss by flowing off, as is the case when the surface is hard.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Modesty is to merit as shades to figures in a picture, giving it strength and beauty. —Bryant. —New servant: "O, if you haven't any children, I can't come, because whenever anything is broken there will be nobody to blame it on but me."

She Was a Picnic Girl.

"Carrie," said one Somerville girl to another yesterday, "are you going to the picnic to-morrow?" "I am. Are you?" "Of course."

How to Trim a Fruit Tree.

No man should start out to trim a fruit tree on a theory not based on what is wanted from its growth. A good many act and talk about the business just as if a fruit tree were grown for its timber. But the thing wanted out of a fruit tree is its fruit; this is down to the hard-pan as to the purpose of its culture.

oner still more firmly. The result was another louder mew. Her mother turned to her: "Take that kitten away directly," she commanded, sternly, "and walk outside until we come."

Religious Department.

Twice a Child.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
Stranger yet that all should weep,
As they heard that plaintive croon.

Victory in Defeat.

Our Saviour announced one of the great laws of Christian life when He said: "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

Wells in the Desert.

It must be conceded that there is no small demand for occasional relaxation and recreation in the performance of an assigned life-work, and in pursuing an appointed way in life.

Political Items.

It pains us to call attention to the fact that the Irishmen who are bolting the Democratic ticket invariably drop their hats.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Nicaragua.

The Republic of Nicaragua can scarcely be said to enjoy any communication with this section. The port of Bluefields, which is nominally under the sovereignty of Nicaragua, is in the Mosquito kingdom, and is as much under the influence of the English Government as the province of British Honduras.

For Half a Life-time.

Mrs. John Gemmill, Milroy, Milfin Co., Pa., in the Spring of 1864 injured her spine and partial paralysis ensued. For nearly twenty years she was unable to walk.

Guns and Sporting Goods.

EMERGES & CO. 123 WEST 12th St. City, Mo. "SPECIAL OFFER" \$20.

Catarrh Hay-Fever.

I have been a great sufferer from Hay-Fever for 15 years. I read of the wonderful cure effected by Ely's Cream Balm and thought I would try it.

Papillon Cure.

Has received the commendation of thousands afflicted with Catarrh of the Bladder. It is a positive cure, and so pleasant to use, that when applied, the effect is so apparent, that the treatment is continued with confidence.

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THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Interesting Points in their First Annual Report—Another Decision.

The following interesting points are taken from the first annual report of the Kansas Railroad Commissioners:

The Commissioners... have no power to force an order... have no power to force an order...

Generally, the power to make its requirements imperative through the power of enforcement, is not necessary in order to make...

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It is quite probable that in practice the machinery already provided for the enforcement of rates, embraced in a decision of the Commissioners, will prove sufficient, at least in all cases where the objections are not too unreasonable.

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The following correspondence explains itself, and covers an important point: THE ATCHISON, APRIL 5, 1884.

DEAR SIR:—Since your decision, July 19, 1883, in matter of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company...

PROHIBITION IN IOWA.

A Judge Renders an Important Decision as to Trials for Violating the Law.

MUSCATINE, IOWA, August 6.—Judge Havel, of the Seventh Iowa Judicial District, has rendered an important decision as to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace under the new Iowa prohibition liquor law.

THE BARTHOLOMAY STATUE. The Foundation Stone of the Pedestal Laid on Bedloe Island.

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CROOKED OFFICIALS.

Whelan Investigation Brought to Light in the New Orleans Post-Office.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—The special commission which has been investigating the condition and management of the New Orleans Post-office submitted a report to the Postmaster General yesterday.

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A SHIP-YARD BLAZE.

John Roach's Ship-Yard Receives a Scorching.

CHESTER, PA., August 9.—Yesterday morning a fire was discovered by a watchman in the blacksmith shop, a frame building in Roach's ship-yard.

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Vanderbilt's household expenses are said to reach \$250,000 a year.—N. Y. Sun.

—Mr. D. L. Moody, the evangelist, says he is pleased with his success in England, but he will never leave America again.—Chicago News.

—Twelve cups of coffee every day is the elixir which keeps a Virginia lady ninety-nine years old, happy and healthy.—Chicago Herald.

—Charles Waters, aged nine years, of St. Louis, accidentally swallowed a spider while at play, and, despite all efforts, he died in about an hour.

—During his forty years' work in his diocese, Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, has ridden more than thirty thousand miles on horseback.—St. Paul Press.

—The young women of Schenectady, N. Y., have resolved to girlcott any young man that smokes or goes out of the theater between the acts.—N. Y. Times.

—Lieutenant Schwatka, who explored endless arctic regions and returned unharmed, fell over a chair in his own parlour the other day and broke his arm.—Boston Globe.

—Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, brother of the late President James Buchanan, has a cottage at Cape May this year. He has for fifty years been the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Oxford, Pa.—N. Y. Herald.

—Ezekiel Eads, who died at Athens, N. Y., recently, at the age of sixty-five years, was born without ears and had no apertures where his ears should have been. He was able, however, to gather sound through his mouth.—Albany Journal.

—Martha Zaranizez, of Germany, reached Castle Garden with her family recently. Martha is one hundred and twelve years old, and her children, who accompanied her, are from eighty-eight years down. They went to Montana, where the family, seventeen in all, will found a colony.—N. Y. Times.

—The Bismarck Tribune has the following breezy social item: Mr. William Von Kuster and Miss Clara Kindl will stand before the hymeneal altar and swear to defend, cherish, and protect each other through the storms and blasts and cyclones and blizzards of the remainder of their earthly career.

—An actor who accompanied Mrs. Langtry in her American tour, now concluded, says that she is keen in business. She would take a certain peep at the audience and size it up in dollars. Driving through a city she would note the bill posting, and express her opinion as to whether it had been well or ill done. The manager's statements were coned over carefully, and objections, if any, were politely made. In asking questions of her business staff and company she was direct and to the point, but withal so polite, so very polite, that at times it was embarrassing. Altogether, Mrs. Langtry impressed her employes and others with whom she came into business contact as a woman well able to take care of herself.—N. Y. Graphic.

—"A LITTLE NONSENSE." —Don't buy a coach in order to please your wife. It is much cheaper to make her a little sulky.—Chicago Sun.

—Young gentleman caller, who has forgotten his watch—I see you don't keep a clock. Young lady (snatching at the opportunity)—No, sir; we don't need one. We keep a very large watch dog.—Cheyenne Sun.

—Lightning recently struck a house in the suburbs of Chicago, and nearly tore the shoes from the feet of a young lady. The reason why it didn't complete the house because it didn't have time.—Burlington Free Press.

—Thoughtful girls now use the patent safety-pin to fasten their belts, except of course when the evening is so stormy that no callers are expected. Then they use ordinary pins and indulge in onions.—Philadelphia Call.

—A masher of our acquaintance was too modest to ask his girl from her papa. She undertook the negotiation, and was sent back to the happy lover placarded on her back with this inscription: "With the author's compliments."—The Judge.

—Mrs. Judge Carpenter made arrangements to hire a colored lady to do the cooking, or at least she thought she had made arrangements, but she was mistaken. "I do my own marketing, and I shall expect you to accompany me," said Mrs. Carpenter. "Den we can't agree. I never allows myself to be seen on the streets in company wid anybody who carries a basket."—Texas Siftings.

—"Is yer larnin' ennything at skule, Thomas Jefferson?" "Yes, fader." "How many an two times two dozen aigs?" "Four dozen." "All good uns?" "Yes, fader." "No, dey isn't. You nebber seed four dozen all good aigs in this town. Yer pergrass back-ard, sah. Yer knowed more n dat af yer went to skule, sah. Two times two dozen aigs ain't more'n about free frozen and a half, sah. D'ye heah, sah?"—N. Y. Graphic.

—"You swear positively that it was on Sunday morning that you heard the woman shout for help?" "Yes, yer Honor, positively." "This affair occurred some months ago. Couldn't it have been Saturday morning, or Monday morning, instead of Sunday morning?" "Impossible, yer Honor." "But why?" "Insisted the Judge. 'Man's memory is not infallible. Why are you so positive that it was Sunday morning?' 'Because when I first heard the cry for help I was out in the back yard digging angworms.'—N. Y. Sun.

—A colored man was at police headquarters yesterday to complain that some one had stolen his horse and wagon off the street and to request unusual energy on the part of the police. "Oh, we'll get the rig back in a little time, I guess," said the official. "I hope so, sah, I hope so. I hope you'll get him back afore noon." "Got a job for the afternoon?" "No, sah, but if de pusson who stole dat hoss feeds him oats fur dinner, which he probably will, it'll take me six weeks to get him back whar he'll rellish old straw bedagin!"—Detroit Free Press.