











YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

WHICH DO YOU LIKE BEST.

There's a little frolicsome maid I know
Who has a question on her lips to me
Whenever close to my side she comes
Or into my lap, where she loves to be.

WHAT JACK DID.

How He Crossed the River on the Broken Ice, and His Desperate Encounter with a Wounded Deer.

"It's all nonsense being afraid; mother. The ice isn't going to break up yet, and if it is, how can we let these poor little things wait?"
The big boy bent tenderly over two little girls who were tossing and moaning with fever.

ing something in the way of fresh meat.
"I can't go back to the poor little kits without a morsel of something for 'em to taste besides corn-meal and beans and bacon. I do believe 'twould do 'em more good than all the medicine," he said, as he rounded the head of a slough, and struck into a hazel thicket through which were scattered some trees of scrub oak.

"Cow? no it can't be a cow—it's too brown. And it ain't a horse neither!" he held his breath as he drew cautiously nearer, and—then, only a hunter can imagine the sensations with which he beheld a noble buck lifting its proud head with its white antlers within fair range of his gun. Quick as thought Jack fired and it fell.

In a whirl of surprise and delight at this his first deer, the boy leaped from his horse and drawing his knife, ran and set his foot on the antlers to cut its throat. But like a flash of lightning the deer sprang to its feet, knocking down the knife. Jack grasped him by one of his horns, whereupon he made desperate lunges to get away, while Jack hung on with all his strength. At length, thoroughly enraged, the buck turned upon his enemy, trying to force him under his feet.

"No—bullets!" His pouch had been torn off and lay far beyond reach. As blow after blow from the horns of the infuriated animal shook the slender branches which supported him, the poor boy began to wonder if death was really waiting for him in these lonely thickets—

"Whos, Raackaback! Whoo!" cried Jack, but Raackaback seemed to have had enough of the fight, for the last sound of his footsteps soon died away in the bushes. The change of wind predicted by Farmer Snow had taken place some hours before, and an icy blast was pouring from the North, causing Jack to realize his half-nude condition.

"There's only one chance for me that I can see. Now, for mother and the little ones!" With a heavy charge of powder he loaded the gun with his ramrod and again fired at the deer, aiming just behind the shoulder.

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It was a weighty load for two horses; a goodly taste of fresh meat for many a farmer's family around, and lasted until the red came into the cheeks of the two little ones at home.

FARM RESEARCHES.

The Best Time for Considering the Claims of the New and Untried Crops.

Many farmers contemplate making some change in their business in spring. Some propose to give up grain-raising on an extensive scale, and to engage in dairying, general stock-raising, or the breeding of fine animals. Others are thinking about engaging in the production of some crops that have never been raised in this vicinity, as hops, broom-corn and tobacco.

It is often advisable to make changes in the management of a farm. Farmers of small means are generally obliged to keep "scrub" animals or none. They have not the money to purchase imported stock, and they have not suitable buildings in which to keep costly animals.

The drainage of low land, the erection of wind-mills for raising water, the improvement of cranberry marshes, the planting of ornamental hedges, the setting out of orchards, the formation of shelter belts, the preparation of lawns, and the making and stocking of fish-ponds can not ordinarily be undertaken by farmers who have moved upon tracts of raw prairie and who have families to support.

The kohlrabi, or turnip-rooted cabbage may be popularly described as a vegetable somewhat intermediate between the turnip and cabbage. At first sight the leaves bear a considerable resemblance to the latter vegetable, but on a closer inspection we find that the stem just above the ground swells into a bulb, resembling a turnip in size and shape.

When a Chicago woman wants to get a seat in a street-car she wraps up her poodle-dog and carries it in her arms as though it were a baby. But the trick is now becoming known, and doesn't always work.

"I should say it was." "Rancid?" "You bet?" "Strong?" "Strong as a mule." "And fearfully frowny?" "Worst I ever saw in my life."

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A number of inexplicable British peculiarities.

In the obituary notices which the death of the Duke of Somerset called forth a curious diversity in the spelling of the family name was noticeable. The old Duke, a plain, rough-tongued, unostentatious man, spelled it Seymour; the new Duke, who himself is seventy-five years old, writes it St. Maur.

THE EARTH'S CHANGES.

Why Our Globe's Coast is Perpetually Getting Too Big For It.

Our world is growing old and growing cold, and as it waxes older and colder it shrinks and shrinks, and shakes and quivers, so that its coast is perpetually getting a little too big for it, and has to be taken in at the seams from time to time.

Prof. Judd has well shown how great is the amount of wear and tear to which mountains are thus subjected, and how enormous is the loss of material that undergoes in the case of the extinct volcano of Mull, which rose during the not very remote Miocene period to a height of some ten or twelve thousand feet above the sea level.

A Vegetable Which is Fast Becoming Popular in This Country. The kohlrabi, or turnip-rooted cabbage may be popularly described as a vegetable somewhat intermediate between the turnip and cabbage.

THE KOHL-RABI.

A Wonderful Type-Writer. A unique type-writer was exhibited in Boston recently. The machine prints with type such as is used for newspapers, the letters being arranged in rows on a barrel or cylinder each row representing one letter.

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SCHOOL PUNISHMENT.

A Denunciation of the Administration of Cayenne Pepper to Pupils.

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RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

THE FIERY PLAIN.

Night speaks to night in living words, The language plain and bold, As stars sweep by like armored hosts, In glittering mail of gold...

MR. BOYD AND HIS WIFE.

Lives That Prove That the Religion of Christ, "Loving Your Neighbor as Your Self," Has Not Died Out in the World.

A handsome, distinguished-looking young man and a pretty, graceful young lady were going into the door of a humble house in the East End of London...

The lady smiled. She was a lady well on in middle life, with a sweet but weary face, and a gentle, low voice.

DOING LIKE THE ROMANS.

"Be Not Conformed to this World, But Be Ye Transformed." "If I go into society I must conform to the customs of society."

you went to Utah you would have to marry half a dozen wives—if you could get them. The Apostle Paul went to Rome...

The great apostle, in his letter to the Romans, said: "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Now, the Spirit of God takes this plain putty, this obsequious slave of society, and makes of him a golden statue in the likeness of Christ.

The Foolish Flute.

We remember a parable in which a preacher says: "Look at this flute; it was a piece of wood; what has made it a flute? The rifts, the holes in it."

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can well, and doing whatever you do without a thought of fame.

THE DAIRY.

Cows should yield 3,500 lbs. of milk per year; 20 lbs. per day in winter is good. A cow that will do this will give over 3,500 lbs. per year.

WOMEN DETECTIVES.

Givez Work Which They Do in Places Where a Man Would Fail. The manager of a well-known detective agency was asked by a reporter for the Mail and Express if he ever employed women to do any work...

BY-PRODUCTS.

Success of Dairying Dependent Upon the Proper Appreciation of Incidental Products. It does not look as though butter and cheese-making was a very profitable business...

SOUR CREAM BUTTER.

The comparative merits of sour and sweet cream butter is a subject that is suggested by a correspondent. Almost all of our butter—perhaps all—is made from cream that has some degree of acidity.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including CATTLE, HOGS, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, FLOUR, BUTTER, and EGGS.

SELFISH DAUGHTERS.

They Never Stop to Think About the Sacrifices Made by Loving Mothers. The daughter never stops to think that once her mother enjoyed the sparkle of society and gave it up...

THE SEVEN STAGES OF MAN.

ALL REQUIRE AT SOME AGE TAYLOR'S CHEROKEE REMEDY OF Sweet Gum and Mullein. This right-angled to children and horror to parents may attack your household at any time...

LEPAGE'S LIQUID GLUE.

MENDS EVERYTHING. Wood, Leather, Paper, Iron, Glass, China, Furniture, Brass, etc. Strong as Iron, Solid as a Rock.

BRIDGES' FOOD.

The contrast between a healthy, laughing, plump child and one that has all the symptoms of a grown person are painful to the student of nature.

LANDS LANDS.

Send for Description of 100,000 Acres of Choice Land in the West. Lands in Minnesota, Iowa, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, California, Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico.

CONSUMPTION.

I have a positive remedy for this fatal disease, for it is the result of a cold, or a cough, or a sore throat, or a weak chest.

ASTHMA CURED.

German Asthma Cure. This cure is the result of a cold, or a cough, or a sore throat, or a weak chest.

RED STAR COUGH CURE.

SAFE. SURE. PROMPT. 25 Cts. Free from Opium, Kinetics and Potem. The French President has \$240,000 a year. Grey has a fox office.

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