

JUVENILIA.

Some Queer and Quaint Sayings by Bright Little Shavers.

Texas Siftings: Aunt (to Freddy, who is visiting her): "Freddy, will you have some more cake?" Freddy: "Course I will, auntie; I don't saters a bit, no, yes."

Harpers Bazar: Mildred (who hears that her aunt is going to take fencing lessons): "Oh, auntie, do take me with you. I'd love to see you jump over the fence."

St. Paul Globe: A little 4-year-old St. Paul girl the other day shocked her Sunday school teacher in responding to a request with "I'm not stuck on being an angel."

Boys and Girls: A mother having occasion to arrange the covering of the bed on which her little 5-year-old was sleeping found a slip of paper thereon, with a prayer that "mamma might be sent a baby, and that it might be twins."

Youth's Companion: Sidney and Edna were amusing themselves and their parents by telling bible stories in their own childish language. In telling of Joseph and his brethren Sidney could not recall the exact words to describe Joseph's many-faceted coat, so, hesitating a moment, he finally exclaimed: "Why, his crazy-out, you know!"

Texas Siftings: Mother—"Tommy, I hear you got a thrashing in school to-day." Tommy—"Yes, ma, the teacher whipped me, but he is getting so old and weak that it didn't hurt much." "Did you cry?" "Oh, yes, I bawled so you could have heard it on the next block." "Why did you do that?" "I wanted to make the old man feel happy once more."

Boys and Girls: A gentleman coming home at evening spoke harshly to his little three-year-old, who was playing very noisily. The little lady dropped her playthings and retreated hastily to a corner. "What is the matter?" asked papa. "Well," said the child, "I have been a good girl all day, and now you come home and make trouble the first thing."

Cincinnati Times-Star: "When is it more blessed to give than to receive?" inquired a Sunday-school teacher at Bethel during the presence of a number of visitors. Of course she expected the lad by whom she addressed to answer "always." "Well," said the boy, "I am paralyzed matters by shouting: 'Why, when you git more'n you give, of course.'"

Boston Transcript: Here is a good description of seasickness by a 4-year-old boy: "Little Johnny had been visiting lately at a place where they have a big swing, which is highly popular with the rising generation. When he returned home his father asked him: 'Well, Johnny, did you swing in the big swing?' 'Yes, a little, papa, but it made my head ache in my stomach so that I had to stop.'"

A MEAGER REWARD. The Pay Received by Hay and Nicolay For Their Life of Abraham Lincoln.

"Gath" in Cincinnati Enquirer. "What is to be the ultimate form of the publication of the life of Abraham Lincoln which you (Colonel John Hay) and Colonel Nicolay are publishing serially?"

"It is to be published by the Century company in 10 volumes, and I have just been reading a part of the proof. It is now nearly 25 years since you first announced in one of your newspaper letters that we were to write this book. I told you at the white house just after Mr. Lincoln's death that we were resolved to undertake it. At the time we commenced this publication a great deal was said and written about the amount of money we received for the manuscript. It is true that the \$50,000 we were paid between us was probably the largest sum that a serial publication has paid for any series of contributions, but I made a computation a few days ago upon what had been paid for our time in preparing this book. We have received \$1.50 a day each and no more. The rest has gone for expenses. I have been compelled to buy hundreds of books and manuscripts, of which individual volumes have cost me \$25 each. I have had to buy a great many of them from a dozen to 20 volumes of manuscripts bound carefully.

"These," said he, "are the original archives and letters of Jefferson Davis, his cabinet, and the confederate government. I bought them from Col. Fickett, the same officer who sold to the United States for \$75,000 a similar set.

"The colonel opened one of the volumes and showed me an endorsement in lead pencil by Jefferson Davis to Judah P. Benjamin, his secretary of state. The whole penciling was in Mr. Davis' handwriting. He orders Benjamin to write a state letter to Mr. Mercier and Lord Lyons, calling them to take action upon Mr. Seward's revocation of his policy toward the French under Maximilian in Mexico. The letter was written in Davis' generally passionate or oratorical style, with abundant adjectives.

"Why, I thought that these letters were in the state department.

"They are; you see these official papers were very often issued in duplicate or in triplicate, because a good many of them had to be sent by blockade-runners between the south and Europe, and if one set was to be lost another set would be needed. In that way the papers which I bought are frequently originals, while those in the state department are copies, and in other cases the state department papers are original and mine are copies. I have thought that after we finish the publication of Mr. Lincoln's life I would issue a limited edition of these dispatches in a particular book.

"Then you have not been getting for all your original contributions and compositions upon this work of 25 years more than a laborer's wages up at the big library building by the capitol building."

"Just that. Our partial papers in the Century Magazine will come to an end next February and will have occupied three years in their publication. Everything has been cut out of the magazine chapters which did not directly bear upon Lincoln's life. In the book, however, Sherman's campaign and important matters in the west have been omitted, which property come within the compass of Lincoln's life. In the book, however, this excepted matter will be contained."

Insulted. From Time. Judge: The plaintiff charges you with unprovoked assault, Mr. O'Taff. What have you to say?

Mr. O'Taff: He called me nicknames, yer' oner.

"He says he called you nothing but Patrick. Isn't that your name?"

"No, sur! me name is Pat!"

Very Fortunate. From Time. Louise (of New York): What! Have you been married eight times, Elsie?

Elsie (of Chicago): Yes; I've had eight husbands. And I've been very fortunate, too; not a single one of them died on my hands.

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