

FOR OUR YOUNG READERS.

TWO MAMMAS.

O dolly, my dolly, I love you. Far more than I ever can tell. With your red red cheeks and pretty new dresses.

A COUPLE OF STORIES

Which Teach Two Very Plain Lessons—Talking About People.

I've heard a couple of little stories that not only seem to belong together after a fashion, but seem very much to the point.

Well, once upon a time there was a schoolmaster who was placed over a new school. His pride was roused, and he wanted to make that just the very best school that ever was.

Now, boys, I believe there's just one way to do this thing. If each one of you will make up his mind to mend one boy of his faults, the whole school will be improved in a very short time.

"All right, sir," spoke up little Jimmy Eaton, who had been very much interested in the discussion; "I'll mend Jack Wyeth."

The whole school laughed aloud, for it seemed funny that the only boy who had not understood what the teacher meant was the one to be so eager to answer.

But, boys, I wonder how many of you, if your name had been Jimmy Eaton, would have made up his mind to mend Jimmy Eaton, instead of Jack Wyeth?

That is my first story, and I think you are all bright enough to see that if each boy does his very best to "mend one," and that one is himself, why—presto! change—all the boys in the world will be changed; and what a good time we will have—mothers, fathers, boys and all.

A parent may do all in the world to "mend Jack," but, unless Jack tries to mend himself, it is all no good.

Now, my second little anecdote is something that happened very recently. At a convention of the Young Men's Christian Association in a small city, not long ago, one member arose, and addressing the people of that town, said:

"Now, I want to say one more thing. The good work is going on. Let every body put their shoulders to the wheel. Your secretary is doing his best; believe that. He has faults, no doubt; so have we all. But the minute you see a fault in him, don't go telling him about it. There is nothing more discouraging to a man, who is trying to do his best, than to have people coming to him and finding fault with him all the time.

After he had finished, a woman from the Auxiliary rose and said: "May a woman speak? I know this is a man's meeting, but I have one or two words to say. The remarks just made by our townsmen are very much to the point, but I would like to add to his advice 'not to tell our secretary of his faults; the minute you see them, don't tell any one else.'"

Now, boys, that was a good thing to say, and I am glad that a woman said it.

If you see faults in your schoolmates, don't talk about it or look, but just say to yourself: "That looks pretty bad in Jack. I wonder if I do anything like it?"

If on self-examination you find that you do, just struggle your best to mend it. Or, if you find that you haven't that particular fault, pick out some other from your own, and the chances are ten to one that by the time you have corrected yours, he will have corrected his, especially if he notices you trying to break yourself of the habit, whatever it may be.

There is another thing that seems to come in in this connection, and that is, talking about people whom you have been visiting.

When people take you into their house as a visitor, they, after a fashion, tell you a secret—that is, you see the secret workings of the house; and if Jack's mother happens to be a peevish, fretful woman, or Jerry's father a harsh, sour, disappointed man, or William's sister a disagreeable, affected girl, or the bread wasn't good, or the milk was sour, or the meat overdone, or the food inefficient, don't talk about it.

You do not know what may have been the cause of all or any of these things, and even if there be no cause as all it is none of your affair.

AMIABLE AND HELPFUL.

A Lady Author's View of What a Wife Should Be.

Some one has said that all women should be beautiful—of course we all would be beautiful if we could have a hand in the making of our faces.

THE RYE CROP.

A Claim That It Increases the Fertility of the Land Which Produces It.

Farmers do not give this crop the attention it deserves. As a general rule, it does not yield as much per acre as wheat, and sells for two-thirds to three-fourths as much per bushel.

Please pass the Scandinavian butter," said the grocer's clerk to the hardware man at our boarding house.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

A Prize in the Lottery.

Life which is usually unappreciated until it is lost, perhaps never to return, is health. What a priceless boon it is, and how we ought to cherish it, that life may not be a worthless blank to us.

Those who are trying to break up the baneful habit of intemperance will experience great benefits from the use of Prickly Ash Bitters.

WORLD PEOPLE.

Special attention is called to the advertisement elsewhere in this paper, of Edward Thompson.

ALABASTER IS SCARCELY MORE IMMACULATE THAN THE COMPLEXION BEAUTIFIED WITH GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP.

THE MARKSMAN WHO SETS UP HIS OWN TARGET IS MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF.

DELICATE DISEASES OF EITHER SEX, HOWEVER INDUCED, SPEEDILY AND PERMANENTLY CURED.

NEVER LEND A MAN MONEY WHO TALKS OF IT AS A MERE TRIFLE.

A HEAVY GROWTH OF HAIR IS PRODUCED BY THE USE OF HALL'S HAIR RESTORER.

A JOKER TELLS OF A CAPITALIST WHO TOLD THAT HE WILL NOT LET WELL ENOUGH A LOAN WITHOUT GOOD SECURITY.

A PRINTED SHEET, ALTHOUGH SQUARE, IS CALLED A CIRCULAR, BECAUSE IT IS INTENDED TO GO ROUND.

"ST. NICHOLAS" TELLS OF A DOG THAT CAN COUNT. BUT IT CAN'T EQUAL A CAT IN RUNNING UP A COLUMN.

SAID A WITNESS: "MY FRIEND CONDUCTED HIS FUTURE WIFE TO THE ALTAR, AND THERE HIS LEADERSHIP CAME TO AN END."

"MAMMA," SAID AN INTERESTING JUVENILE, "DO SHEEP WRITE?" "NO, CHILD." "THEN, WHY ARE THEY PROVIDED WITH PENS?"—N. Y. Herald.

FRESH AIR IS ABOUT AS CHEAP AS ANY THING THAT CAN BE RAISED. A LITTLE BLOWING DOES THE BUSINESS.—N. O. Picayune.

IN CASE OF A RIOT, SEND A PICKPOCKET INTO THE CROWD, AND IT WILL VERY SOON BE DISPURSED.—N. Y. Ledger.

A WIFE SHOULD BE LIKE ROAST LAMB-TENDER, SWEET, NICELY DRESSED, PLUMP, AND WITHOUT SAUCE.—St. Louis Chronicle.

YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN OUGHT TO BE ALONE, BUT THEY LIKE TO BE ALONE TOGETHER, AS IT WERE.—New Haven News.

A FASHION JOURNAL SAYS "BOWS ON CHAIRS HAVE MADE THEIR DAY." YES, BUT THEY STILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A NIGHT OF IT.—Burlington Free Press.

LITTLE GIRL: "MAMMA, WHY DOESN'T THE SEA FUR OVER IF ALL THE WATER FLOWS INTO IT?" "NONSENSE, CHILD! DON'T YOU KNOW 'T'S FULL OF SPONGES?"

IT IS SAID THAT THE GREEN TURTLE CAN LIVE FOR SIX WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD. THIS IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT, HOWEVER. THE MOCK TURTLE NEVER HAS TO BE FED.—Lowell Citizen.

WHAT IS MORE PATHETIC THAN TO SEE THE SIMPLE FAITH WITH WHICH A BALD-HEADED MAN WILL AN INFALLIBLE HAIR-RESTORATIVE FROM A BALD-HEADED BARBER?—N. Y. Post.

TO ITSELF IN MANY IMPORTANT PARTICULARS, HOOD'S SARSAPELLINA IS DIFFERENT FROM AND SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER MEDICINE.

SARSAPELLINA IN COMBINATION, PROPORTION AND PREPARATION OF INGREDIENTS, HOOD'S SARSAPELLINA POSSESSES THE FULL CURATIVE VALUE OF THE BEST KNOWN REMEDIES OF THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM.

PECULIAR IN ITS MEDICAL MERIT, HOOD'S SARSAPELLINA ACCOMPLISHES RESULTS HITHERTO UNKNOWN.

PECULIAR IN STRENGTH AND ECONOMY—HOOD'S SARSAPELLINA IS THE ONLY MEDICINE OF WHICH CAN TRULY BE SAID, "IT DOES ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GOOD FOR ONE CENT'S WORTH OF MONEY."

PECULIAR IN ITS "GOOD NAME AS HOME"—THERE IS MORE OF HOOD'S SARSAPELLINA SOLD IN LOWELL, WHERE IT IS MADE, THAN OF ALL OTHER BLOOD PURIFIERS.

PECULIAR IN ITS PHENOMENAL RECORD OF SALES ABROAD, NO OTHER PREPARATION HAS EVER ATTAINED SUCH POPULARITY IN SO SHORT A TIME. BE SURE TO GET

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Sold by all druggists. \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

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Washburn & Guitars

THE LONG BOW.

Two East Indians Who Were Experts at Pulling It.

Our story-tellers are credited with a good faculty for exaggeration. The exercise of this gift has acquired the name of "pulling the long bow," perhaps because it has been used so largely by sportsmen when recounting their exploits.

FASHION GOSSIP.

Growing Popularity of the New Low-Collared, Basket-Plaited Coiffure.

Persian mauve holds its favor in the world of fashion.

Exquisite Parisian toilets are made of pale apricot satin, embroidered with blush roses and sprays of forget-me-not, and combined with Lyons satin of the most delicate shade of turquoise blue.

The light-weight tricotine silks made up with Jersey bodices are stylish and pretty accompaniments for dressy skirts and other material. They fit infinitely better than any Jersey of plain stockinette, and have all the elegant appearance of the regular silk-wet Jerseys, while costing a third less than these in price.

A new low-collared, basket-plaited coiffure has suddenly come into great fashion, and one of the methods of arranging it is as follows: The hair, beginning just back of the soft beak bang, is divided into three equal parts as it falls on the shoulders. It is then again subdivided, making an upper and lower plait of each of these divisions. Then take the two middle plaits, cross them and wind to form a coil. It is necessary just here to pin these braids securely, for they are the foundation for the rest of the coiffure. These preliminaries attended to, the plaits are then taken from behind each ear and carried round the coil. Lastly, cross the two plaits on each side over the top of the coil, bring down and fasten the ends securely underneath. According as it suits the wearer, the coils must be arranged either high or low at the back of the head. For those to whom it is becoming the basket braid is twisted low in the nape of the neck.—N. Y. Post.

"Why, sahib," he answered, with a grin, "we are all more or less liars in my country, and if one tells a story, another immediately caps it. There were two young men of my country who had a boasting match, and one said:

"My father is so rich and has so many horses that his stable is of such extent as to take a horse eleven months to go from one end stall to the other."

"Shabash, brother," replied the second boaster, "that is very good. My father has a bamboo so long that he can sweep the clouds away with it when they obscure the sun in harvest-time."

"Hil hil!" exclaimed the first. "That is very wonderful; but pray, brother, where does your father keep such a long bamboo?"

"Why, you stupid!" was the answer. "In your father's stable, to be sure!"

—Youth's Companion.

Not So Low as That.

"You are a policeman, are you not?" asked an attorney of a witness in Judge Lawler's court.

"I am, and have been such for five years."

"Now, sir," continued the attorney, "did you not go to the defendant in this case and tell him that you were the complainant's lawyer?"

"What?" asked the witness. "Do I understand that you asked me if I had represented myself as a police court lawyer?"

"Yes, sir; a lawyer is what I said."

"No, sir; I have not got so low as that yet."

The witness was excused.—San Francisco Call.

ROOSTING HIGH.

The Four Bad Boys Whom a Citizen "Cotched" in His Cherry Trees.

One of the sanitary squad of the police force was up Mullet street the other day, when an old gray-headed citizen accosted him with:

"May be you like to cotch some pad boys, eh?"

"If I see any bad boys I shall certainly catch them," replied the officer.

"I cotch some for you now."

"Where?"

The old man beckoned him into the side gate and around the house. In the back yard were four cherry trees loaded with red fruit, and in the branches of every tree was a boy from eight to twelve years of age. Guarding the trees were two dogs, and that they were anxious for boy-meat was plainly shown by their actions.

"When did you catch 'em?" asked the officer.

"Six hours ago. If you don't want 'em I guess I leave 'em up till night. If some boys like cherries it was too bad to bring 'em down before he was full."

The officer went away and left 'em roosting high.—Detroit Free Press.

SMITH'S TONIC SYRUP.

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