

## FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Taking a Nap.  
Little Mary is taking a nap.  
Her knitting needles lie in her lap.  
Mischief was done in the room,  
While right away the ball on the floor.

Soon it is rolling around in her paws:  
Soon it is pulled by the sharp little claws.  
Slowly the candle burns toward the wick—  
Better wake up, little maid, pretty quick!

Or all your nice stitches, it seems pretty plain,  
Will have to be taken all over again.  
—Christina at Work.

Paris Boys Never Fight.

You never see boys of any class fight in the streets of Paris. The boys of the laboring classes play in the squares of their neighborhood and in the streets, but it does not seem to be in their nature to exchange fistfights. The French are certainly not a boxing race. They have a natural aversion to having their flesh punned, and if by chance boys lose their instinct of self preservation enough to come to blows they are quickly made to keep the peace by older passersby, who, separating them, give them a moral lecture upon such cruel conduct of the muscles. Boys of the upper classes never play in the streets. In fact, until they are sent to college, where they are under the surveillance of teachers and guardians, they are never allowed to go out alone any more than girls. What a degradation it would be for an American lad to have some one follow him whenever he ventured out on the street! But French boys are accustomed to it, and foreigners who take the liberties they are accustomed to in their own countries are considered specimens of savages.—Paris Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

A Hopeful Blind Boy.

The brightest instance of optimism under difficult circumstances is to be found in the case of a blind boy who has been fitted out to spend a year or two at the asylum. While his clothing was being packed, he chatted in an animated way, showing the greatest interest in his wardrobe, asking occasionally to "see" something, and on having his several neckties described (all of which happened to be blue) he remarked, "That is nice, I like blue." On being asked if he remembered how it looked, he answered no, but it was his favorite color.

He told how he had lost his sight, and hearing an exclamation of pity quickly said: "But it is so high up to be blind than deaf. A deaf person is shut out from everything, but I can hear what people say and enter into everything that is going on about me. You would feel the same if you were blind." All this was said in the most cheerful, plain manner, while his plans for future work were full of a hopeful courage.—Boston Commonwealth.

A Chinese Baby's Opal.

The Chinese baby at Washington, which is so young that it has not yet been through one presidential term of four years, has already fallen heir to the finest opal in the world. The opal belongs to the Chinese minister. It is as large as a pigeon's egg and is surrounded by beautiful white diamonds. The minister wears it in his cap on state occasions, and the baby wears it upon the baby's white cloth which corresponds to an American christening.—Chicago Tribune.

Failure of a Boy's Strike.

The boys in a New South Wales school recently struck for "less Euclid, less algebra, less caring and more holidays." A deputation was appointed to interview the head master. He received them with a cane and then showed them the error of their ways. After this the rest of the school did not need to be convinced, and the strike came to an end.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Heavy Load.

"Hold on tight, George, so I won't fall."

"Ma, George's tipping me out of the wagon!"—Harper's Young People.

Little Anna's Ambition.

A certain small Anna has many respect for effect than cause. Fully running her fingers over the very heavy one, she cried out radiantly: "Oh, how I wish I had a voice like this piano!" Then every one would say, "Nannie Smith is a naughty little girl, but she has a very sweet voice."—New York Times.

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## THE PILAR AT SAFETY.

Before the erection of the new university buildings in Jena the professors generally held their lectures in various public halls scattered all over the town. In the body of one of these halls, where the professor of theology used to hold forth, there stood a large pillar. At the close of the session the students applied to the professor for their certificates of attendance, when the latter remarked to one of the young men:

"But, my dear Sir, I never saw you at any of my lectures!"

"Oh, Herr Professor, I always sat behind the pillar."

"Strange!" was the reply. "You are the fourth who professes to have sat regularly behind the pillar."—Tagliche Rundschau.

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## Notice Inviting Proposals for the Purchase of Water Improvement Bonds of the City of Los Angeles.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned up to meeting of council of the City of Los Angeles, to be held Monday, May 22, 1893, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day, for the purchase of all or any portion of 200 water improvement bonds of the City of Los Angeles, 100 of which are to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from the date of the acceptance of the bonds, and 100 to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from the date of the acceptance of the bonds, and for the purchase of all or any portion of 200 water improvement bonds of the City of Los Angeles, 100 of which are to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from the date of the acceptance of the bonds, and 100 to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from the date of the acceptance of the bonds.

Said bonds are to be of the denomination of \$1000 each, and are to be payable semi-annually at the Chemical National Bank, New York, and are to be subject to the provisions and conditions of the act of the legislature of the State of California, passed March 19, 1892, entitled "An act authorizing the incurring of indebtedness by cities, towns and municipalities, and the sale of bonds therefor, and the redemption of such bonds by the City of Los Angeles, and for other purposes."

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