### JUVENILE COLUMN.

THE PEACHES.

A farmer brought home with him from own five peaches, the nicest that could be sen. But his children saw this fruit for he first time; and they wondered at and ade merry over the nice apples, with softown and ruddy cheeks. The father didded them among his four children—the other receiving one.

mother receiving one.

In the evening as the children went into their little bed chamber, the father asked:

"Now, children, how did the nice apples asked?"

sldest, "it is a fine fruit; so tart, and of such a delicate flavor. I have put the tone away carefully and will raise a tree

"Brave!" exclaimed the father, "that is sonomical, to provide for the future, as second as farmer."
"I ate up mine immediately," said the roungest, "and then threw away the stone; and mother gave me half of hers. Oh, it sates so sweet and melts in one's mouth!"
"Well," said the father, "you have not tated very prudently; but yet it was very natural and childlike. There is yet time shough for you to grow wise."
Then began the second son:
"I picked up the stone my little brother threw away and broke it open; there was a kernel in it that tasted as sweet as a nut. But I sold my peach and got so much money for it that I can buy a whole dozen when I go to town."
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I go to town."
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The father shock his head and said:
"Well, that was very smart, indeed, but
was neither natural nor childlike. May
gaven forbid that you should become a
rechant! And you. Edward ?"
Frankly and openly answered Edward:
"I brought my peach to George, who
res next door; and who is lying sick with
lever. He would not take it; but I laid
on the bed and ran off."

## THE INVALID HEALED.

ple often have, like their can

ns, and shovelfulls of powders rge as duck-eggs, so that peo-m, at last, the two-legged apo-p. But all the doctors did not

When the invalid read this, he ordered his boots to be polished; and next morning, he set out as the doctor had ordered him. The first day he traveled so slow that a snail might have kept pace with that a snail might have kept pace with that he snail might have kept pace with that he snail might have kept pace with thank; and wherever he saw a worm strawling upon the path, he trampled upon the second and third morning, it seemed to him as if the birds had not as ugly as some of his photographs make him. The first that I saw in the preceding one and the dew seemed so fresh, and the people be met looked so fresh, and the people be met looked so fresh, and the people be met looked so friendly, and he himself happy likewise. Every morning; as he left the ion, seemed more becautiful than the preceding one; and be walked along saster and livelier. On the eighteenth day he came to the town where the doctor lived; and when he arcose the naxt morning, he felt so well that he said to himself, "Since I began to grow corpulent I have not felt ss well as I do now, when I singoing to the doctor."

When the doctor saw him, he took him by the hand and said:

"Now, tell me all the particulars of your disease." He replied:

"Mr. doctor, heaven be thanked, nothing alls me; and, if you are as healthy as I am now, I should be glad, indeed." The doctor said:

"It was your good angel that advised you to follow my directions. The dragon is now starved to death; but you have the egg yet in your body, therefore you must return home, just as you came, and.

correspondent of the Boston Pilos

thus writes from Birmingham : Next to the important business of a per Next to the important business of a personal nature which called me to this city, the subject that awakened the greatest interest and the mest pleasing anticipations their prospect, was the seeing and hearing great Dr. Newman, who, as is well known, was the founder, and for a long time past has been the Superior of the Birmingham Oratory. To those who, like myself previous to my visit to England, had very vague ideas as to the locality, the surroundings and the nature of their Institute, it may not be out of place to say that of the distinguished converts from Anglicaniem who came over to the Church, during the great Catholic revival in Oxford some thirty years ago, two religious houses or foundations were formed under the rule of St. Philip de Neri. These establishments in popular language were called Oratories.

One of these Oratories was located in the then new suburb of Kensington, London, and was called the Brompton Oratory. It was presided over, during his life, by the late Very Rev. Frederick William Faber, so well known throughout the whole Catholic world for the numerous beautiful and edifying books of a devottonal and practical character, of which he was the author, and which have been translated and published in nearly every Enropean language.

The other Oratory was established in

Ily to its value, and makes it a most desirable situation.

The Birmingham Oratory stands near the corner where two streets form an angle of about 50 or 60 degrees, and fronts on both streets except that the extreme corner is occupied by the house and office of the agent of Lord Colthorpe, from whom their land was purchased.

On Sunday the correspondent attended Mass, and there at the Oratory, at the usual time, the venarable man who for so many years has occupied so large a space in the religious world, and around whom still clusters so much of interest, curlosity.

termed a popular preacher. He atterly eachews the tricks of oratory. Yet there is an eloquence of its own, even in his modesty and humility, which speaks to the heart of his hearers and preposeeses them in his favor, while any defect of manner is more than compensated by the eloquence of thought, the strength of reasoning, the beauty of language and chasteness of illustration, which characterize all his public addresses. I ought, in justice to the Doctor, to remark before closing, that, though not by any means a handsome man, he is not as ugly as some of his photographs make him. The first that I saw in the States were, I must say, mere carricatures. Lately, I am happy to say, they have succeeded in securing at least two very good photographs, representing him in a sitting posture, in the act of reading or studying.

If he tells me he liked my last literary effort, I feel encouraged, and applaud his taste; if he informs me that I am looking well, I conclude that certain symptoms which had raised disquisting suspicious were all nervous fancy; if he tells me that he often regrets seeing so little of me, I truly believe that he thinks so at the time. I do not seek to tickle others with false phrases; why should I suspect them of being less sincere?

for an "i" makes the phrase sense, which it was not before.

But a genuine compliment, with a good foundation of truth, and expressed neatly and aptly, is a moral bonbon, and wholesome enough in moderation, though of course excess in all sweets is cloying.

It is not everybody, however, who knows how to manufacture the article, or how to administer it. If you are any way deficient in tact, or given at all to blunder, you had better let compliments alone altogether, or you may possibly sting the object of your good will; instead of tickling him as intended, as the Marquis of Seueterre stung Poinsinet.

stung Poinsinet.
The marquis, who was blind, went to The marquis, who was blind, went to hear the opens of "Enclinde," which caused a furore at Paris in the reign of Louis XV. and boing very much pleased, asked his attendant who wrote it.

"Monsiour Poinsinet," was the reply.
"I should like to speak to him," said the marquis.

So afterward, in the crush-room, Mon-moule Poinsinet was introduced to the blind noblemen, who embraced him with effu-sion, and said: "My dear sir, accept my warmest thanks for the pleasure you have afforded me. Your opera is full of beauty, the music is delicious. Oh, what a mis-fortune that you had to set it to such trashy words!"

Now, unfortunately, it was the libretto, and not the music, of which poor Monsieur Poinsinet was the author.

and not the music, or which poor mousieur Poinsinet was the author. Louis XIV., who, like many humbler rhymsters, somewhat overrated his poeti-cal powers, showed a copy of verses to Boileau, and asked his candid opinion of

ceeded in making them positively detestable!"

But perhaps there was a spice of malice in this reply; though, if so, Boileau played with edged tools with a vengeance.

The worst blunder in what was intended for a pretty speech that ever I heard of, however, was perpetrated in modern times by a dignitary of the Church, who was to marry a young couple in a country place where he happened to be staying, and was also called upon to propose the health of the bride and bridegroom at the subsequent breakfast.

Now the host and hostess were noted in the country round as the most genial and the happiest couple that had ever gone hand-in-hand through life; so the good divine thought he might as well turn this to account in his speech.

"To sam-up all our good wishes for the happy pair whom we have seen united this morning," he said in conclusion, "we cannot, I am sure, do better than express a desire that the result of their union may prove strictly analogous to that of the parents of the fair bride."

He soon, however, nount some one to the chighten him.

"She is not their daughter at all," his informant explained, "but a niece who came to live with them when her own father and mother were divorced!"

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