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THE GOLDEN LAND.

Lonely over life's desert land, One lone and weary wanderer, E'en I, weak and worn and dreary, Searching for my Golden Land.

COAL-OIL JOHNNY.

The discovery of oil on the little property of Mrs. McClintock, and the experiment of the widow which involved the destruction of her life and the wreck of her household, were the stepping stones by which a youth, who had been reared upon charity, rose to wealth and to an era of extravagance and dissipation.

Presentiments.

"I feel as if I were fated to die on this beautiful river," said a young English actress, as she talked to a comrade on the deck of a Hudson River steamer.

Longing for Art.

"I suppose you never find any time to take an interest in art, Mr. Breezy," said Mrs. Breezy, looking attentively at a little sketch she held in her hand.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America has four Bishops, 1,729 preachers, 125,000 members. Sunday schools and members, 46,927.

For Young Readers.

JOHNNY NED. The days are short and the nights are long, And the wind is blowing cold, The leaves are falling and the snow is coming, And the trees are all so bare.

HOW NED WAS CURBED.

"Please pull up my boots, mother," said Ned Merrill, as he held up a muddy boot in front of his mother's face.

PUNY PARAGRAPHS.

—Lime-Kill Philosophy: "Gentlemen, I am de-nose attached to you, and I am de-nose attached to you, and I am de-nose attached to you."

Tight Lacing.

Foolish and inconsiderate mothers and foolish and untaught girls and young ladies believe in and practice tight lacing as a means of securing beauty of form.

The Gospel of Relaxation.

The discouragements which children in their thirst for knowledge often encounter from unsympathetic parents are not least among the obstacles that block the pathway of youthful genius.