

Our Boys and Girls.

The Scribe's Report.

Of those who have sent answers to the questions of July 3, "Eunice" thinks that Hamlet's madness was feigned for the purpose of exposing and avenging his father's murder, that there is too much method in it to be real, and that his talk when alone shows him to be perfectly sane.

Also the words of Polonius, "Though this be madness, yet there is method in't." In the former of these quotations the more common reading of the second line is: "Than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

It is a good plan for young people to have a blank book in which to preserve choice quotations from standard authors; and in such a book many of the quotations we have had might find a place, with space reserved for others that you will be constantly running across as you become more familiar with the works of Shakespeare.

St. Bernard's, Ideal and Real. Before I saw one I always imagined the St. Bernard to be as large as a lion and strong as a bull. The picture in my youthful geography had made these impressions. When a dog that I supposed to be an overgrown setter was pointed out as one of the celebrated Alpine breed, my cherished imaginative structures went clattering to the ground.

Carving Zulu Babies. When a Zulu child is first born it is of a light hue, and does not get the darker tint of the parents for some years. As soon as it enters the world the "medicine man" is sent for. Contrary to the custom of the civilized "medicine man," he takes no notice whatever of the mother, but, devoting himself entirely to the child, makes a number of small gashes in various parts of the poor infant's body, into which he rubs medicine and goes on his way rejoicing, returning next day to make the incisions deeper and rub more medicine into them.

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His canon 'gainst self-slaughter, O God! O God! How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable Seem to me all the uses of this world!

One thing that must be kept in mind when studying this play is the great ignorance that prevailed in those days, even in nominally Christian countries like Denmark, in regard to the true spirit of Christianity. To avenge the death of a murdered father was believed to be a sacred duty, even as it was among the Israelites in Old Testament times and among the most civilized pagan nations.

As to the insanity of Hamlet volumes have been written—some to prove that he was insane and some to prove that he was not really so. Medical writers have more generally inclined to the former view; while among the best known advocates of the other theory are Richard Grant White and James Russell Lowell, whose poetic insight in this case serves quite as good a purpose as the scientific lore of the doctors.

For the next time: (1) On what pretext was Hamlet sent to England? (2) What was the real reason? (3) How did Hamlet's journey end? Address "Scribe," 18 South Loring street, Lowell, Mass.

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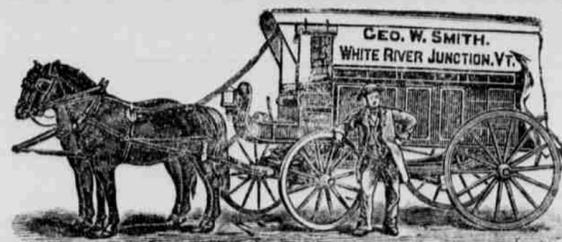
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not, of course, counteract acidity; it only disguises it, and its use in large quantities is calculated to retard digestion. The housewife may therefore be grateful for the reminder that a pinch, a very small pinch, of carbonate of soda, sprinkled over the fruit previously to cooking, will save sugar, and will render the dish at once more palatable and more wholesome.—Medical Classics.

The Bureau Drawer.

In the upper drawer of her bureau, chiffonier, or whatever name she chooses to call it, usually repose a girl's choicest treasures of wearing apparel. Her dresses may be plain and limited in number, but here should be found something that may transform a street dress into a presentable evening costume.

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The True Wife.

Often times I have seen a tall ship glide by against the tide as if drawn by some invisible bowline with a hundred strong arms pulling it. Her sails were unfurled, her steamers were drooping, she had neither side-wheel nor stern-wheel; still she moved on stately in serene triumph, as with her own life. But I knew that on the other side of the ship, hidden beneath the great bulk that swam so majestically, there was a little toilsome steam-tug, with a heart of fire and arms of iron, that was tugging it bravely on; and I knew if the little steam-tug untwined her arm and left the ship, it would wallow and roll about, and drift hither and thither, and go off with the reflux tide, no man knows whither.

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