

AN ALARM CLOCK UNDER THE SOFA.

A mother on Madison avenue lately requested her daughter, who is just approaching womanhood, to give her beau a hint that she must not sit up later than 10 o'clock.

The other evening he got an alarm clock with a bell as loud as the gong on the Brooklyn Bridge bob, and placed it under the sofa where her sister and her betrothed were to do their spooning.

PLAYFUL KING GEORGE.

An amusing story is going the rounds of the foreign papers about the King of Greece who is, as is well known, the youngest brother of the Princess of Wales.

The young Prince one day, when luncheon time arrived, flung down his books gayly and rushed out to the pastry cooks in schoolboy fashion to buy some tarts, and sat on a bench eating them and swinging his feet, without any thought, I suppose, beyond the present moment.

An Irish glazier was putting a pane of glass into a window, when a groom who was standing by began to joke him, telling him to mind and put in plenty of putty.

A countryman was standing on one of the wharfs the other day, watching the process of hoisting an anchor of a ship which was getting under weight, and as he saw the huge iron rise from the water to the Yo, heave, Oh! of the sailors, he remarked, "You may heave high and heave low, but you will never get that great crooked thing through that little hole. I know better."

A NOVEL METHOD.

The young people connected with the Baptist Church in Cromwell took a novel way of replenishing the treasury of their church. On Thursday evening the young men gathered in the parlors of the church, where, surrounded by a bevy of their lady friends, they undertook to piece a bed-quilt in the old-fashioned way.

large crowd paid the admission of 10 cents to see the work go on, and cheered the workers in their efforts. On Friday evening there was equally as large a crowd to see the young ladies saw wood, for that is what they agreed to do if the young men would make a bed quilt.

BE A MAN.

Not of the dude species. Not of the kind that stand on street corners. Not of the kind that prides himself on being a masher. Not of the kind that sneers at the idea of personal purity.

RELIGIOUS VAGRANTS.

Young men, never become religious vagrants. There is a strong tramp element in our churches. There are certain sentimental sympathisers with Christain work, who are like visitors during the season.

WORKING UP A SURPRISE PARTY.

Going out to the ball game to-day? No; I've got to move a stove this morning, and will be busy around the kitchen lifting barrels and carrying ice until evening.

Surprise party. Who are you going to surprise? No one. They're going to surprise me. You see, my wife thought it would be pleasant to give me a surprise party next Monday—my birthday—and after I get through sawing wood and borrowing dishes, and moving stoves, so there won't be much heavy work left for the women folks, I'll go down to the office to give them a chance to send for me, and let the people jump up and yell when I enter the house, and grab me by the hand, and shake me out of joint, and just paralyze me with surprise. Now, if you'll give me a lift on this bureau, I'll be able to go to work on this partition.

USEFUL HINTS.

Cold black tea is said to be good for keeping the hair in curl. If camphor is applied to a burn it will take out the fire almost immediately. For frosting, whites of eggs beat up stiff in half the time if first cooled in the refrigerator.

Put a pail of water into the tubs directly after using, and they will not leak when wanted for use. Let dishes be neatly washed, rinsed in hot water and drained, and then rub them until they shine. Wetting the hair thoroughly once or twice a day with a solution of salt and water will keep it from falling out.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

Henrietta, said young Mr. Hankinson, the future looks very bright before us, does it not? The lovely eyes of Miss Garside fell in charming confusion beneath the ardent gaze of the devoted youth, and her only answer was a soft sigh that filled the silence with thrilling eloquence and seemed to catch from her parted lips a grateful perfume that intoxicated the senses and pervaded the apartment as with the sensuous glory of an Oriental dream of paradise.

Young man! (thundered old Mr. Garside, entering the apartment and striding wrathful toward Marcellus Hankinson, in the guise of honorable man pretending to be the son of an old college friend, you have gained access to this house. You have trampled upon its hospitality and abused the confidence reposed in you by a trusting girl I overheard your last words as I passed the door and I recognized their meaning. No Florida emigration agent vociferated the thoroughly aroused old man grasping the youth by the collar and propelling him rapidly toward the door, can ply iniquitous things under this roof. Get out!

RELIEF FOR TOOTHACHE.—Spirits of niter mixed with alum and applied to the cavity of the tooth affected with toothache will usually relieve the pain, even though the nerve be exposed. It is best applied on a little cotton. If the pain extends upward to the eye, or takes the form of neuralgia, procure some horse radish leaves, take out the stems, wet them and apply on the face over the seat of the pain. This will generally bring relief.

SOMETHING WORTH REMEMBERING.—Putting buttons, beads and similar objects into the nose is a vicious habit, which is by no means rare among children. When it is done the mother or some officious neighbor almost always attempts the removal, and the effort much oftener fails than succeeds, the object being pressed deeply into the nose. A very young child, after such accident, can rarely be persuaded to forcibly blow its nose; if it could the foreign body would in nearly all cases be expelled. When it is too young to do that, his nose should be blown for him in this manner: Have an assistant hold the head steadily between his or her knees, then let mother apply her lips closely over the mouth of the child and blow suddenly and forcibly into it. It is surprising with what ease the trouble can be removed by this means. The child will very likely cry when the operation is attempted; if it does, so much the better. If the simple procedure advised fails, the services of a physician will generally be needed to accomplish the removal of the foreign body.—Boston Journal of Health.

The Canada Militia Gazette says that a twelvemonth ago the district deputies of the Adjutant-General received notification that each was to remain for another year where then stationed, and in February present those who were retained in the service would be made acquainted with the districts to which they had been assigned. No decision has yet been pronounced, consequently the officers concerned are, some of them at least, on the ragged edge of suspense, and anxious to know

their destinations, so that residence may be secured before the 1st of May, the general flitting time. The changing about of the D A G's will certainly benefit the force, as, being only mortal, these officers are sometimes apt to be more lax than is judicious in dealing with those whom they have been reciprocating hospitalities for our or five years.

Over in Moncton a young man named McGarry, 14 years old, a pupil in the public school, is on the high road to becoming a second Jesse James. Yesterday morning he went into the school room of Miss Stevens and smashed several articles. Yesterday his teacher, Miss Devere, admonished him for his misbehaviour, whereupon McGarry ran out of the room. In a few minutes he returned with a loaded revolver, which he had stolen out of the pocket of a coat hanging in the hall, belonging to a boy named Steeves, and levelled it at the teacher. Young Steeves jumped up and wrested the weapon from his hand and prevented him from doing any injury. Principal Wilbur was summoned and took charge of the weapon. In the meantime the boy had fled. He will doubtless be arrested.

Don't let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

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St. Nicholas For February.

In the February St. Nicholas Mar Hollock Foote has drawn the Frontispiece—two young housekeepers in consultation over "Family Affairs." A touching Russian Christmas Story by Amelia E. Barr, entitled "Michael and Foodasia," begins the number, and is appropriately illustrated by E. H. Blastfield. Mrs. Burnett complantes "Sara Crewe" by a very delightful "happy ending." Mr. Charles Henry Webb contributes a stirring account of the "Diamondbacks in Paradise," telling of the rattlesnakes encountered during a winter in Florida. In "The Story of an Old Bridge" will be found a historical sketch of London Bridge and the great events with which it has been connected, illustrated with drawings by Peters and Brennan, and by other pictures.

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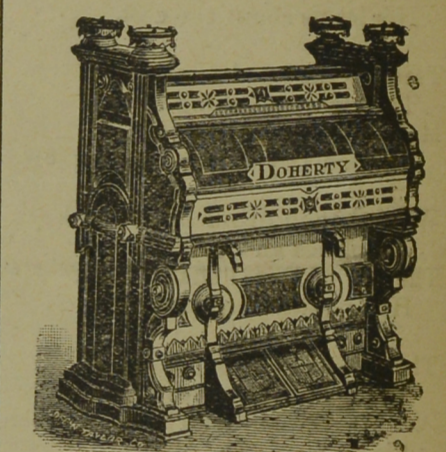
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