UNLY MOTHERS KNEW. If only mothers knew, she said, How hungry children are for love, Above each virgin little bed A mother's lips would prove

How sweet are kisses that are given Between a rosy mouth and heaven. If only my mamma would kneel, As your dear mother, every night, Beside her little girl, to feel If all the wraps are folded tight And hold my hands, her elbow far Between my cheeks and her soft hair;

And looking in my dreaming eyes As if she saw some loving thing, And smiling in such fond surprise On all my hopes of life that spring Like flowers beneath her tender gaze, I could not stray in evil ways.

I would not wound the gentle breast That held me warm within its fold : My mother's love would still be best. However sad, or plain, or old; And even though thou the world forsake, I'd love her for her love's dear sake. -Helen Rich.

## The Lireside.

LAURA'S INVITATION: OR, WHAT A LITTLE GIRL CAN DO.

BY ERNEST EVANS. A little ragged boy sat on a doorster one bright Sunday morning, watching a crowd of children who were waiting outside the door of a Sabbath-school. expecting its opening. It was plainly no Sabbath to him, poor child, for a week's dirt appeared on his face and clothes. "How happy they all look," he thought as he gazed upon the cheerful group of she breathed her soul into the hands of her heavenchildren. "I wonder what they do in there?" ly Father, and, according to her request, preached and he glanced at the school. "I should like to her funeral sermon. "A word in season, how know." Just then the door opened and they were good it is." admitted. Poor little Tommy watched them in a sad and anxious way and again fell to wondering what they did in there. How long he might have been thus thinking is very doubtful had he not been disturbed by a little girl who at that moment came up, and touching him on the arm said in a very soft voice, "Would not you like to come to school?"

For a moment a gleam of pleasure lit up Tommy's countenance; but it passed away as he looked from the neat dress of his speaker to his own ragged clothing. "Me!" he said, deprecatingly; "they would not have me."

"I should like to, but I am ashamed. I am so away far out of sight. Tom stood gtill for one dirty and my clothes are so torn." Here was a difficulty, truly. But little girls are whistling a merry tune. often very shrewd when they have an end to accomplish; so she quickly solved the difficulty by that kite?" saying; "It is getting late now, and I shall lose my

ticket if I stay any longer. Suppose you go home and wash your face very clean, and make yourself as tidy as you can, and come in time for the afternoon school. It begins at two o'clock." "Are you sure they will have me if I do?" asked Tommy somewhat doubtfully.

"I think I am," replied Laura; "for last Sabbath week they took in just such a poor boy as you." She stopped as she saw the sad look of Tommy, every boy in school on the multiplication table, for and felt she had been rude. "You be here a few I say it over and over, till it makes me sleepy minutes before two o'clock," she added kindly, every time my leg aches.' "and I'll go in with you, and take you straight to the superintendent.' "Very well, I'll try it on."

"Don't forget," she cried, as she tripped lightly up to the school room door.

"I won't, you may be sure, you dear little thing," murmured poor little Temmy, while tears gathered in his eyes. "There an't many like you, I guess." Exactly at the right time Tommy was at the place of meeting, and very soon after he saw the little figure of his new friend coming toward him. The church-pump had served the supply for a thorough good wash. By dint of hard scrubbing the boy had removed very much of the dirt from his face and hands. Considering that he had no soap, he had done wonders. Little Laura smiled approvingly as she saw the change, and said directly, "That will do, you are nice and clean now. Now let us come

They did get in first, and went direct to the superintendent. "Please, sir, I asked this little boy to come to Sunday-school, and he wants to come. You'll let him come, won't you, please sir?" The superintendent looked from one to the other. "What made you ask, Laura?" "I thought he wanted to come, sir; and I wish-

at once to the door, and get in first.'

ed him so much to hear about Jesus and learn the way to heaven. "Is it your wish to come to school, my lad?"

asked the superintendent kindly. "Please, sir," muttered Tommy, hanging down his head.

"We will not turn him away, Laura; you may

go to your seat.' With a bright smile the child walked quietly

away. Before entering his name the superintendent | flat-irons as clean and smooth as glass. Tie a lump had a few questions to ask—his age, his occupation, of wax in a rag and keep it for that purpose. When his parents' name and abode. Poor boy! his sad the irons are hot, rub them first with the wax rag, history was soon told. Though only nine years old, then scour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with he had no home nor any one to care for him. The salt. woman who called herself his mother sometimes deserted him for days together, and then he was compelled to sleep where he could and live as he could. Then she would suddenly come back, and a brief shelter and something to eat generally followed. Then he would be left alone to shift for himself on stray pence, begged crusts, and shelter in a gateway. It was a sad story, plainly told, and evidently true. The superintendent made no remark then, but desired the boy to wait and speak to him after the school closed. The singing of the opening hymn sounded very sweet to Tommy and when the superintendent prayed he listened with rapt attention. But some very simple instructions after the reading-lesson was over by a kind and earnest teacher went straight to the little fellow's heart. More than once the big tears rose to his eyes; and when at length the concluding hymn was given out,

There is a better world, they say; Oh, so bright; Where sin and woe are done away, Oh, so bright; And music fills the balmy air, And angels with bright wings are there, And harps of gold and mansions fair, Oh, so bright,

notion that he was getting near the heaven of sat together, not wishing to change my position at

" Not that I knows on."

"And you don't know your mother's name?" "All those that knows her call her Moll. I never

heard her called anything else." "And you can't tell where she is at present?" "I haven't seen her for three or four days." "Where have you lived during that time ?"

two nights in a red stable. In the day I beg." follow some decent employment?" "Wouldn't I; only give me the chance."

"You shall come home with me to-night, and we will see what can be done."

The kind gentleman took him home, and while dat narrer path 'less yer can carry, folded up in yer Hidden Rivers. he eat the best meal his poor little hungry stomach creed, a good rec'mendation from yer creditors. had perhaps ever enjoyed, his benefactor talked the Hebben ain't no place fur a man who has to dodge matter over with his wife, and it was decided that roun' the corner fur fear of meetin' some one who'll it stood was quite contradictory to the terms of the as they were at present in want of a lad to run er. ask for that little bill dat never was paid."

rands, clean shoes, knives, and forks, and attend to friend, little Laura. The day never appeared right | nonsense to each other. - Legh Richmond without this treat; for it was a treat to him. It was his delight to place himself where she had first spoken to him, and wait for her coming, so that, cakes: Make ready a sufficient quantity of corn as he said, two people might be pleased - he to speak meal, salt it, pour into it enough boiling water to ing how much good her first timid but kind effort an old fashioned Yankee doughnut. had effected, she took courage and asked another and yet another. She was the means of gathering n many poor girls in the neighborhood; and as time wore on a juvenile class was formed, called Laura's class," every member of which was the fruit of her labor of love.

Laura grew up to be a very active and truly Christian woman, and became the wife of an eminent missionary of the gospel in India; and she was the instrument in the hands of God in saving many precious souls. Tommy was faithful in all his work while a little boy. When about fifteen he was sent by his friends to college, and afterward entered the Christian ministry, and also went to India as a missionary. There he frequently met Laura, who was ultimately called home to her reward in heaven. Tommy was at her bedside when

QUEER TOM.

Tom Flossofer was the queerest boy I ever knew I don't think he ever cried: I never saw him. I Fleda found her tulips all rooted up by her pet puppy, and cried, as little girls will, Tom was sure to come round the corner whistling and say : "What makes you cry ? can you cry tulips? do

you think every sob makes a root or a blossom? Here, let's try to right them." So he would pick up the poor flowers, put their roots into the ground again, whistling all the time : "Oh yes, they would," said the little girl eagerly; make the bed look smooth and fresh, and take "they will have any one who likes to come. Only Fleda off to hunt hens' nests in the barn. Neither try, I am sure you would like it if you had been did he do any different in his own troubles. One day his great kite snapped the string, and flew

> moment, and then turned round to come home "Why, Tom" said I, "aren't you sorry to lose

"Yes, but what's the use? I can't take more than a minute to feel bad, 'Sorry' won't bring the kite back, and I want to make another." Just so when he broke his leg.

"Poor Tom," cried Fleda, "you can't play any no-o-o-re! "I'm not poor, either. You cry for me; I don't have to do it for myself, and I have a splendid time to whittle. Besides, when I get well, I shall beat

Tom Flossofer was queer, certainly, but I wish a great many more people were queer that way .-Wood's Household Magazine.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

1. That fish may be scaled much easier by dipping nto boiling water about a minute. 2. That fish may as well be scaled, if desired,

before packing down in salt; though in that case do 3. Salt fish are quickest and best freshened by oaking in sour milk.

4. That milk which is turned or changed may be sweetened and rendered fit for use again by stirring 5. That salt will curdle new milk; hence, in pre-

paring milk porridge, gravies, etc., the salt should not be added until the dish is prepared. 6. That fresh meat, after beginning to sour, will sweeten if placed out of doors in the cool over night. 7. That clear boiling water will remove tea stains

and many fruit-stains. Pour the water through the stain, and thus prevent its spreading over the 8. That ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other

tains from white cloth, also from the hands. 9. That a table-spoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will aid the whitening pro-

10. That boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little sperm or a little salt, or both, or little gum arabic dissolved.

11. That bees-wax and salt will make your rusty

12. That the blue ointment and kerosene, mixed n equal proportions, and applied to bedsteads, is whitewash is ditto for the walls of a log house. 13. That kerosene will soften boots or shoes which have been hardened by water, and render

them as pliable as new. 14. That kerosene will make tin tea-kettles as bright as new. Saturate a woolen rag and rub 512 and 519, with it. It will also remove stains from the clean varnished furniture.

15. That cool rain-water and soda will remove machine grease from washable fabrics. Every one of these recipes is unfailing. Cut out this slip and place it in a book for reference.-Q. X. in Alexandria Post.

TEE EXTENDED HAND. — A mother once said with Nos. 512 and 515 are wrong in your list of answers. earful eyes, "There is one reearly motherhood which I can never recall without bitter regret, trifling as the circumstance may seem to others. It happened when my first child was with me, and usually sat verry quiet by my side. Occasionally, however, she would grow fidgety and restless, and then it was her habit to slip her little And as the sweet chorus of young voices took it up, hand in mine and hold it, fancying it helped her to we guessed is more than pleasure. All your anhe began almost to entertain some dum and misty be quiet. On one or two of the last Sabbaths we swers are right, and your name will appear on the all, I pretended not to see the little hand that was The school at last dismissed, and Tommy left laid coaxingly on my lap, and I can still hear the ing you to presume the futility of resistance against alone with the superintendent. "Are you quite low sigh of disappointment as she removed it. Not a hundred or more requests. All your answers of sure you have no other name than Tommy, my many weeks after, God took my little one's hand, Jan. 3d are right. You will be credited a place on

ren's hands when they reach out towards you." PROMPTED BY LOVE. - One morning I found little and stockings. "Isn't it hard work for the little on the R. or H. In your second list two solutions arms?" I asked. A look of sunshine came into are incorrect. Puzzles you send are accepted, "I slept two nights in Meechan's gateway, and her face as she glanced toward her mother, who was rocking the baby. "It is not hard work when I. W. S. many will consider easy. Our Tyro's Blatters." "Would you like to have some settled home and ollow some decent employment?"

I do it for mother," she said softly. How true is it that love makes labor sweet?—Wesleyan Advocate.

Transpositions will cause the geographies to open very wide. The little folks will like the next puz-

zle; and the one after makes a fair Step Ladder. A Georgia colored minister preached this doctrine than a daily's "leader." The Decapitations preto his people : "But taint no use ter trabble along ceding Ed.'s Blanks pave an easy path to Greta's

To GIRLS.—Be cheerful, but not gigglers, be other small matters, he should be taken into the serious, but not dull; be communicative, but not service on trial. A strangely changed life from forward; be kind, but not servile. Beware of N and after MONDAY, the 18th November, 1878, that time was the forlorn Tommy's; and a very silly, thoughtless speeches; although you may forhappy one it proved to be. His love and gratitude get them, others will not. Remember God's eye to his deliverers from the misery in which he had is in every company. Beware of levity and familipassed his earliest years was very great; and by arity with young men; a modest reserve, without sense of the kindness he had received. He was sense of the kindness he had received. He was courage conversation with those who are truly at 8.15 p. m. (Express) for Halifax, Pictou and Intermediate Stations. progress. But the Sabbath-school continued to be company without endeavoring to improve by the his delight; and it was plain to all that the truths intercourse permitted to you. Nothing is more unhe learned there were influencing his heart and life becoming when one part of a company is engaged in At 6.05 A. M. (Express) from Halifax, Pictou and in in short, that he was learning to love his God profitable conversation, than that another part and Saviour. Every Sabbath he saw his first should be triffing, giggling, and talking comparative

HERE is an unexcelled recipe for breakfast corn to her, and see the sweet smile and hear the gentle | make a stiff batter, stirring briskly as you pour voice that at first had so won upon his desolate let the batter stand for three quarters of an hour, young heart, and she to see how the poor, and bake like ordinary griddle cakes. Serve piping ragged boy was changed, and how happy he had hot. Use no eggs, soda or baking powder. The become, all through her. Tommy was not the only scalding takes away the solidness and raw taste of N and after WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of Decem one that Laura invited to the Sabbath-school. See- the meal, making your cakes as crisp and tender as

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> Contributions and answers respectfully solicited. 552.—STAR DIAMOND. \* \* \*

A consonant; a weight; a Jewish measure; snare; a consonant. FLORENCE E. CRONKHITE. 553.—Снаваде. My first is pale, unblemished, and fair;

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My second is a space we can see everywhere; My whole is a clergyman you will very soon see, So just think a moment what the answer will be. 554, -NUMERICAL ENIGMA. My whole is extensively used in every house, and composed of 5 letters. My 1, 2, 5 is a nickname.

My 5, 3, 1 is the name of a dog. My 2, 4, 5 is an insect. My 1, 2, 4 is an utensil for cooking. My 4, 2, 5 is a nickname T. W. S.

555. — Geographical Transpositions. Meauisnce. Ratoveer. Heartoys. Bourolplace. Credovipen. Humpylot. QUEENS. -TYRO 556.—EASY WORD SQUARE. An animal; anger; something precious.

EVERITT GOSLINE 557.—Step-Ladder Puzzle. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Sides: An animal; a plant. Steps: A small quantity; a river in England; reposition; a mass Cape Island, N. S. John A. Cunningham. 558.—Drop Letter. O-t -f -e-t, -v- o- d-n-e-

559. — DECAPITATIONS. Behead a boy's name, and have the mark of wound. Again, and have a cart. Cape Island, N. S. Emma Ida Swim. 560. -TRANSPOSED BLANK. He caught a ---- in the ---- barrel.

He drove the — to the — He would not --- with his ---. Cambridge. 561.—HIDDEN RIVERS. I insist Johnson shall speak.

O! my, are you here? My house is out of repair. Brooklyn, N. S. (Answers in three weeks.)

Answers to Puzzles of January 17. 524.—Philip P, Blisa. 525. -- A

APE APPLE ELL 526.—Abraham Lincoln. 527. Girl-is found in Joel iii, 3; also in Ze nariah viii. 5. 528.-OMSK

MOLE SLUE KEEN 529.—Nerepis. Gagetown. Welsford. 530. - Abimelech. 531.—Empty vessels make most sound. 532.—STEAM TEEM EER AM

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS. JOHN A. CUNNINGHAM, Cape Island N. 8,-In warding prizes we make allowance for time and istance. Unless considerable time has elapsed disance does not count against the solver. Your mswers to Nos. 500, 501, 502, 503, 505 and 506 answers to Nos. 500, 501, 502, 503, 505 and 506 are correct. The Combination Puzzle and Meta- JUST received, 1000 pairs SKATES, 40 Straps Belli For sale low. W. H. THORNE & CO. gram are accepted.

En., Cambridge, N. B.-We commence with surquestions 1. As if it were spelt "sher-ade." Shingles, Clapboards, &c. We have almost written the answer to this question but will keep it for something new. Next week, perhaps. 3. No. 4, Very often. 5. For different reasons. It will come soon. 6. You will receive it shortly. 7. Yes, we will. 8. Certainly. The "Thoughts" keeps its standard, and nust be very entertaining to your friends and acquaintances. We are sorry to learn your affliction. The various and worthy puzzles you send will appear. We accept your congratulations and kind an unfailing bedbug remedy, and that a coat of wishes for the Intelligencer. The solutions you this city. give Nos. 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 521, 522, 523, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531 and 532 are right.

Bob-o-Lank, Cambridge. - If you didn't visit us very now and then we would consider you a mising link. We rejoice your name is Bob-o. Thanks or puzzles. Your answers all are correct but Nos. JANE B., Cambridge. - Your Charade will be

printed. Your favors are welcome always. The nswers you send are right. JOLLY Boy, Johnston. - Your answers are right. four appearance in our Department is what we Beau K., Johnston.-Your journey over hun-

lreds of miles has not impaired your fragrance. Can SAVE MONEY by leaving their order with We hope, as time grows, you will continue pleasant in our column as your nom de plume is in a vase. | me a few days before the lumber is required. Lily, Cambridge. - To say we are happy to reeive your letter is almost needless. However, we cannot repeat our welcomes too often; and in this instance it is most sincere. Your Cross-Word

Enigma will be printed. EMMA PHEASANT, Fredericton Junction. - We were quite sure one of our earliest contributors never would forget puzzles. In finding how truly

Lola, Grand Manan. - We acknowledge the truth and led her away! And ever since I have felt as Please accept our thanks for your excellent puzzles. if I must say to mothers, 'Always see your child- The "Literary Enigma" is much to our taste. Topsy, St. Mary's, -We are sorry your letter did not reach us either at Lowell or Boston. It may come yet to hand. We are happy to receive a new Dora busy at the ironing-table, smoothing the towels 3d all your answers are right, and your nom will go To Be Solved. - Following Miss Cronkhite's Dia-

> ERRATUM.-In "Chat" of Jan. 24th please read ties above' instead of what the type says. It

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