Poetry.

AFRAID? " Aren't you afraid in the least ?" I'm waiting for Jesus to take me To the house that he has made; I am waiting to hear his longed-for knock, My hand already to turn the lock ; Of what should I be afraid?

Is the daughter afraid to go home When the long school-days are ended? Afraid of the welcome of father and mother, The glad, ringing voice of sister and brother, In loying welcome blended?

Is the child afraid to turn homeward When the evening hour is come? Does he fear when he hears the summons sweet, Sounding so clear his ears to greet, And give new strength to his weary feet-"Come, my darling, come home "?

Does the maiden fear the blissful hour When the chosen of her heart Shall come to claim her as his own. To live with him, and for him alone, Never till death to part ?

No, I have no fear, for my trusting heart Can see nor doubt, nor shade : I am the daughter whose school-days are over ; I am the tired and weary rover : I am the maiden awaiting her lover : . Then how can I be afraid?

But aren't you afraid of the River That rolls its sullen tide Between this life and the other shore -The awful River you must pass o'er,

So dark, and deep, and wide? Who told you there was any River? My dear and tender Lord Has told me every thing I know About that home to which I go: But of that River's resistless flow

He has never said one word. But, then, there is the Valley Of the Shadow of Death : Do you not fear the awful shade Is not your very soul afraid Of that Valley's icy breath?

Yes, there is the Valley of Shadow, Of that my Lord has told me : But he says it is a restful shade. Wherein I cannot feel afraid, For his "rod and staff" my help are made, While on his breast he will hold me.

Your sins, surely they must affright you? They were all on Jesus laid ; "In his own body on the tree" He took them all away from me, And cast them deep into the sea: Then how can I be afraid?

No, my sun shines brighter and brighter. My sky is without a shade ; I know he will come to bear me to rest, I know that the watching servants are blest I know that my longing his face to see Is nothing compared to his longing for me. I know he "prepared" near his Father's throne A place for me, his very own; I know that in that blessed place

I "shall serve" and "see him face to face "-Then how can I be afraid?" -From " The Valley of Achor."

The fireside.

A LITTLE HERO. Dickey Seabright was only six years old when he

did a brave and thoughtful thing. When his mamma was a young lady her dreas caught fire and she was badly burned. The burn left a scar on her arm which will never go away. pitying poor mamma. "How did they put the bad fire out, mamma?

" Papa was in the room at the time, dear, and as Christian World. quickly as he could he snatched a large rug from the floor, wrapped it about me, smothered the fire, and put it out. But for that mamma might have burned to death, instead of only being hart on her engine was made by a mere boy. Newcome's

ever see a child with its dress on fire try to wrap valves, except by means of levers operated by the some heavy woollen thing about it, and the fire will hand. He set up a large engine at one of the go out, because all the air will be shut from it." mines, and a boy, Humphrey Potter, was hired to eyes; "I think I can remember that, mainma."

in the leaves with their little neighbors next door, | invention. The idea suggested by the boy's inven-Neddy, Grace, and Willy Dean.

Grace carried leaves in her arms from a sheltered boy who had never seen or heard of such a thing. spot where they lay in brown heaps. Even the He whittled out one with his pocket-knife, and Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 have been received. Thank you babies, Kitty and Willy, helped with all their little after he had got it all done he, with great enthusimight, and filled their chubby arms in the corner, asm, showed it to his father, who at once kicked it only to drop the leaves by the way, until they to pieces, saying he would have no boy about him Rhyming, fair. usually reached the pile with only two or three who would spend his time on such foolish things. " Here's a pile for you!" said Neddy.

get some matches, will you?"

" for mamma is away, and you know she said we apprentice, and that the invention was a valuable must not light a bonfire unless she was here to one. He had a loom constructed under the super-

Don't be a baby, Grace, but get the matches.'

their little legs off to feed it with all the nice dry

leaves it wanted. Twice baby Willy, a darling two-year-old toddler, nearly fell into the fire in his eagerness to throw

other of the pile of leaves.

a cry of terror went up from the baby. Dickey turned at the sound, and, as he saw the cruel fire, his heart seemed to stop beating.

What could he do ! Across the street stood Mrs. Bailey's carriage, with the pretty robe thrown upon the seat.

Was the dreadful fire out? he beat it frantically with his hands. Dickey's mamma and nurse to the sidewalk, just as Willy's mamma drove up.

She sprang from the carriage, and threw off the robe which covered her baby.

Thank God for that ! Dickey's mamma knelt beside him. "My brave,

thoughtful boy, you have saved Willy from a terrible death. Are you hurt, Dickey?" He held up his hands. They were blistered with fire. The pain and excitement overcame him. He

when they knew that their disobedience had nearly | can never become drunkards. been the cause of their little brother's death. They | 4. Because if all children were teetotalers we promised their mamma, with many tears, that they | should soon have a sober world. would never disobey her again.

he went down to breakfast he found, among his 6. Because it says in the Bible no drunkard other presents, a beautiful little silver watch. On the inside of the cover was engraved ;

from the baby's papa and mamma." - Youth's Com- gress of Christianity.

A STORM AND ITS LESSON.

One flash of lightning followed another so quickly some one the better for our having lived. that the bedroom in which two little girls were lying was brilliantly lighted up every few seconds, and the roar of the thunder, harmless if they had but known it, had a terrible sound in the ears of the children. They hid their heads beneath the heart. bedclothes trembling and afraid, or peeped out for a moment, only to shrink again below the welcome covering.

It was early in the evening, and only the chil- mother. dren were in bed. Passing backward and forward on the landing outside their door went a young housemaid, who was arranging the rooms for the night. As she moved briskly from place to place she lifted up her sweet young voice and sang a plain in Syria. 4. A garden herb mentioned in favourite hymn:

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast,

"Jane, Jane," cried a little voice from the bedroom, "are you not afraid? How can you go on Jews should be the great money-lenders of the singing when it lightens so and the thunder makes | world ? such a noise ?"

" Afraid, Miss Annie? Oh no," said the girl, How can I be afraid, when I know that God is here? He takes care of me, and nothing can hurt me without his will. Besides, he made the lightning and thunder and rain, and they all do a great deal of good too, each in its way." "Do they?" said the child venturing her head

outside the clothes and taking courage. "But the lightning kills people sometimes," she added with

wills. It can not do any thing but just what he ni hemt. sends it to do. Don't be afraid; just try to think Please give the passage. that you must be safe in God's keeping. He will take care both of you and me." Then Jane kissed the young faces; and bade

them notice already how the lightning did not come so frequently or the voice of the thunder sound so loudly. Her words left them comfort, and with the sweet thought in their minds, "God will take care of us," whilst the young housemaid resumed alike her work and her song.

Before the hills in order stood, From everlasting thou art God. To endless years the same.

It was noticed in after years that when other cople showed fear during a storm these children were calm, cheerful and always ready to cheer others. Their confidence arose from the lesson of trust taught them by the young servant's words Dickey was kissing the hurt place one day, and and example. They learned to say, "These are God's works. They are only fulfilling his word. Under the shadow of his wings will we rejoice."-

BOY INVENTORS.

The invention of the valve motion to the steam engine was in a very incomplete condition, from Remember that, Dickey, and if you should the fact that there was no way to open or close the Dickey looked thoughtfully from his big blue work these valve-levers; although this was not hard work, yet it required his constant attention. The beautiful autumn time came soon. Yellow As he was working the levers, he saw that parts of brown, and scarlet leaves fell from the trees, and the engine moved in the right direction, and at the tay in heaped-up ridges in the shelter of the same time he had to open or close the valves. He procured a strong cord, and made one end fast to The children loved to run up and down through the proper part of the engine, and the other to the them, scattering them to left and right with rest valve-lever; and the boy then had the satisfaction of seeing the engine move with perfect regularity At night, the air was blue with the smoke of of motion. A short time after the foreman came leaf bontires, which gleamed at every street cor- round, and saw the boy playing marbles at the door. Looking at the engine, he saw the ingenuity One windy day, Dickey and Kitty were playing of the boy, and also the advantage of so great an succeed. tive genius was put in practical form and made the With broom and rake Neddy and Dickey got the steam engine an automatic working machine.

The boy was sent to a blacksmith to learn a trade, and his master took a lively interest in him. He "Let's have a bonfire now. I say, Grace, you made a loom of what was left of the one his father "I don't thick we ought to, Neddy," said Grace, blacksmith saw that he had no common boy as an Many thanks. Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 corhad broken up, and showed it to his master. The vision of the boy. It worked to their perfect satis-"O, she wont care! I am big enough to take faction, and the blacksmith furnished the means to be awarded to you. care of Willy, and you can take care of yourself. manufacture the looms, and the boy received half the profits. In about a year the blacksmith wrote rect. Too late for the prize. Try again ! Grace wanted to obey mamma, but, unfortunately, to the boy's father that he should bring with him a she was always influenced by her twin brother, wealthy gentleman who was the inventor of the celebrated power-loom. You may be able to judge So she got the matches and gave them to Neddy, of the astonishment of the old home when his son BEST KIND OF DUSTERS.—Pieces of cheese cloth who soon had a rousing fire blazing toward the was presented to him as the inventor, who told him make the very best kind of dusters. Hem the that the loom was the same as the model that he edges, and have a large enough supply so that one Such fun as it was! The children nearly ran had kicked to pieces but a year ago. - Selected.

HOME POLITENESS.

A boy who is polite to father and mother is likely his tiny handful of leaves on the bonfire, but Neddy to be polite to every body else. A boy lacking politeness to his parents may have the semblance of The wind grew very strong, and blew the fire in courtesy in society, but is never truly polite in quick flashes, first on one side and then on the spirit, and is in danger, as he becomes familiar, of betraying his real want of courtesy. We are all in Neddy and Grace had run down to the corner for danger of living too much for the outside world, for oysters well seasoned between two slices. a fresh supply of leaves, and Kitty was racing after the impression which we make in society, coveting Fish Pasties and Patties. - Take one pound them. Dickey was stirring up the fire with a the good opinion of others and caring too little for of fish, half a pound of potatoes, one teaspoonful of broom-handle to make it blaze more fiercely, when the opinion of those who are in a sense a part of chopped parsley, one teaspoonful of chopped onions, an angry burst of wind swept up the street. In a ourselves, and who will continue to sustain and be a little sweet herbs, one pound of flour, five ounces flash the fire burst out on the other side, and threw interested in us, notwithstanding these defects of of fat, and one teaspoonful of baking-powder. red, cruel arms about little Willy, who was stand- deportment and character. We say to every boy First make the paste. Rub the fat well into the and to every girl, cultivate the habit of courtesy flour, then add the baking-powder, a pinch of salt, In an instant the white dress was all ablaze, and and propriety at home—in the kitchen as well as in and enough cold water to mix into a stiff paste. the parlor, and you will be sure in other places to Flour a board, and roll out the paste two or three deport yourself in a becoming and attractive man- times, then cut it into round pieces with a saucener .- The Presbyterian.

BEEF CROQUETTES .- One cup of lean beef ; half on each piece of paste, sprinkle over this a little of a cup of the fat; half a cup of cold boiled or fried the chopped paraley, onion, herbs, pepper, and Dickey dashed across the street, snatched the ham; a piece of onion as large as a silver dollar; salt, and a few drops of fish liquor. Wet round robe, and, throwing it over Willy's head, pulled one teaspoonful of salt; half a teaspoonful of pep. the edge of the paste with cold water, fold it over, * per; a pinch of sage, and a little grated lemon. and punch the two edges together in plaits. Put peel. Chop all as fine as possible, or put through these pasties on a baking-sheet into the oven and He pulled the robe aside, the flame flashed out; a mincing machine. Heat, with half a cup of bake for about half an hour. The same ingredients stock or cold soup, and add one egg well beaten; thin, line some patty-pans with it, fill them with All this was done in much less time than it takes form into croquettes; roll in egg and bread crumbs, fish, potato, and seasoning as above, cover over neatly with paste, and bake about half an hour. me to tell it. The cries of the children brought and fry in boiling lard.

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY C. E. BLACK. The little hands and face were scorched, the yellow hair was singed and matted, the white dress was burned nearly to pieces, but her darling was alive to pieces, but her darling was singed and matted.

[The Mystery in this issue will be solved in three weeks. Communications gladly received. All communications intended for this department should be addressed to C. E. Black, Case Settlement, Kings County, N. B., and must be in my office not later than two weeks from each issue.]

STORIES.

GOOD REASONS FOR ABSTINENCE. Here are some excellent reasons why the young should be enlisted in the temperance work: 1. Because they will grow up healthy and strong put his head on his mamma's shoulder and burst without the aid of intoxicating drinks; for more

drinkers die than total abstainers. She took him into the house, and tenderly bound 2. Because the Bible says, "Wine is a mocker, up the poor little hands, which were soon well strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.'

I need not tell you how Neddy and Grace felt | 3. Because if they never taste strong drink they

5. Because the money spent in strong drink Dickey's birthday came soon after this, and when | could be spent in useful articles and houses.

'shall inherit the kingdom of God." 7. Because drunkenness is a disgrace to the "For the brave boy who saved a baby's life- nations of the world, and a hindrance to the pro-

8. Because we may influence another person that may do a great deal of good in the world. 9. Because God loves to see children try to do An awful thunder storm was raging one evening. good in the world, and we should all try to make

THE MYSTERY.

No. 20.—SCRIPTURAL ARITHMOREM. 1. 1,006 plus A="the man after God's own 2. 551 plus an E=the son of David.

3. 51 plus hue = a friend of Job. 4. 1,050 plus Sue. A. = the son of a praying 151 plus a ham ⇒ a prophet.

No. 21. - SQUARE WORD. 1. A son of Shem. 2. A son of Jacob. 3. A Matthew.

No. 22.—BIBLE QUESTIONS. 1. In what language did Christ speak after his

2. Where is it foretold in the Bible that the J. S. DURKEE.

No. 23.—Transposition. A resinous substance in this word enclosed, And now to what follows if it is transposed, Firstly, it designates Christ as the sacrifice for sin: Here, though, I stop lest the answer you win.

No. 24.—PI TEXT. Bmremere won yht Ctrearo in het ayds fo hyt

tyhon, lewhi teh vile dyas mooe ton, orn eht yrses "Yes, dear," said Jane; but it is only as God | ward ghni, hwne hotu shat ysa, I heva on lpesaure

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

No. 4.-1. He was ploughing with twelve yoke

of oxen. 1 Kings xix. 19. 2. To the Mount of Olives. Mark xiv. 26. 3. Mary Magdalene. No. 5.-" Ye must be born again. No. 6. -Beth-any. Rethany.

No. 8 .- Cain. Ain. HEN No. 9.-TELEM NET

No. 7.-1. Bitteru. 2. Owl. 3. Ostrich.

No. 10.-Oreb. Ore. Or. O. No. 11.-G-ideon. E-lizah, T-iberias, H-ushai,

S-inai, E-lisheba, M-elita, A-bner, N-aaman, E-ve. Gethsemane.

CHAT. We hope our young readers will strive to search the answers to the puzzles in The Mystery. When possible, give the passage in the Scripture where queries, etc., are found. Let our young folks try their pen at story-making. Who will send us the first original story? Original puzzles acceptable. Georgie McDonald, Carleton,-No. 4 of the Mystery correct. For one who is young you do exceedingly well.

Mamie D. Clarke, Carleton. -Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 are correct. Come again. Lottie R. Steeves, St. John.-Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 are correct. Your work is very neat. I am pleased to see you taking such an interest. By

continuing in such painstaking work you will surely G. P., Kings.-No. 4 in the Mystery correct. leaves into a great pile near the sidewalk, while The power-loom is the invention of a farmer's did not send complete answers to your Acrostics. Thank you for your excellent lot of puzzles. They will find insertion. Why not send us 10? You for the nice puzzles. They shall be adjudged with

the others. Your Anagram is not clear to me. "Fidus," Kings.-Thank you for the Bible Questions. They will be considered, and publish- HEARTBURN, ed. Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 of Feb. 1st Mystery

rect. Let us hear from you again. Cannie J. McCready, Kings.—The answer to the

query in Chat of Feb. 8th correct. The prize will Geo. Parlee, Kings.—The answer to query cor-

HOME HINTS.

set can be washed each week. To Soften Shoes.-If the boys' shoes are stiff from having been wet, rub them at night with a little castor oil. This will soften them and make

A DELICATE WAY TO SERVE OYSTERS. - A delicate way to serve oysters is to cook them in a little water with butter and salt to suit the taste, then toast some thin slices of bread, and but a layer of

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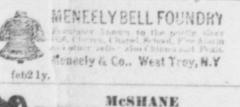
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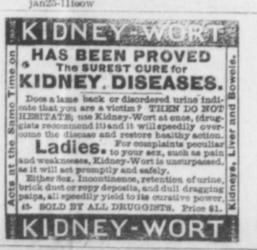
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