Poetry.

WHAT IS A GENTLEMAN? What is a gentleman ? Is it a thing Decked with a scarf pin, a chain and a ring Dressed in a suit of immaculate style, Sporting an eye-class, a lisp, and a smile? Talking of operas, concerts, and balls, Evening assemblies and afternoon calls, Sunning himself at "At Homes" and bazaars, Whistling mazurkas and smoking cigars?

What is a gentleman? Say, is it some one Boasting of conquests and deeds he has done? One who unblushingly glories to speak Things which should call up a flush to his cheek ? One, who, whilst railing at actions unjust, Robs some young heart of its pureness and trust Scorns to steal money, or jewels, or wealth, Thinks it no crime to take honor by stealth?

What is a gentleman ? Is it not one Knowing instinctively what he should shun, Speaking no word that can injure or pain, Spreading no scandal and deep'ning no stain ! One who knows how to put each at his ease Striving instinctively always to please; One who can tell, by a glance at your cheek, When to be silent, and when he should speak?

What is a gentleman? Is it not one Honestly eating the bread he has won, Living in uprightness, fearing his God, Leaving no stain on the path he has trod, Caring not whether his coat may be old. Prizing sincerity far above gold, Recking not whether his hand may be hard, Stretching it boldly to grasp its reward?

What is a gentleman ? Say, is it birth Makes a man noble, or adds to his worth? Is there a family tree to be had Spreading enough to conceal what is bad? Seek out the man who has God for his guide : Nothing to blush for and nothing to hide : Be he noble, or be he in trade, This is the gentleman nature has made.

-Young Folks.

The Fireside.

A TALE OF HALF-HOURS

BY SUSAN COOLIDGE. " Mollie, what have you been doing?"

"What do you mean by nothing ! I left you siting by this window half an hour ago. Where have

"Nowhere, mamma. I was watching the kitten." "Watching the kitten for half an hour! O Molly! And you promised to help me pare the must have her little lunch," she said. Again

Shall I do them now ?" They are all done. I supposed every mome

you been since then?"

that you would come, or I should have called you. "I'm very sorry, ma'am ; I forgot."

not at all ashamed. There was nothing new or surprising, I regret to say, either in the half-hour wasted or the forgetten promise; they were things of every day with Molly Lester.

Molly was naturally an indolent child. The blood did not dance in her veins as a child's blood should ; she felt no quick impulses toward action and movement was Molly's excuse—her only one; but it was not excuse enough. For none of us are sent into the world to do only the things we feel like doing; and the fact that we have naturally a bias against what is right or dutiful, is but a reason for fighting hard and steadily, and making ourselves do the duty. Scarcely any one is born persevering, or informed, they are the most valuable part of ourselves: that which makes our living worth while to the world, and to the friends who belong to us.

Molly Lester was not fighting with her indolence. She made faint resolutions to do so once in a while; but when the moment came for the effort, she was too apt to include herself, "just this once," or to reflect that " only twenty minutes more," or " only half an hour," could make no difference, unmindful of the fact that life is made up of minutes and halfhours, and that to waste them means to waste life. A good, hard study of vulgar fractions would have taught her the value of parts to the whole; but, dear me! Molly "hated" arithmetic, and could never be induced to apply her mind to it.

There was another girl in the house who was ex actly the opposite of Molly. Her name was Lucy -Lucy Lester. She was Molly's cousin, and about the same age. Her father and mother had died within a few weeks of each other, of typhoid fever; and her Uncle Robert, Molly's father, had taken her home to live with him, and be a sister to Molly, who had no sister of her own. The boys-there were three-had not been at all glad to have Lucy come. "Girls are no fun," they said; "they are always sticking about in bed-rooms, and saying they don't want to do anything, and one is enough in a house, anyhow." The boys judged all girls by Molly, but they soon found that Lucy was of a different sort. She didn't "stick in bed-rooms;" she liked to go rowing and fishing, to walk in the woods, and ride on the hay-cart, as much as the boys themselves; and, though she was always busy, she could generally make time to mend gloves. cover balls, and be useful and obliging

Lucy and Molly got on very well together : they seldom quarrelled. Molly was good-humored enough, like most lazy people; but the girls were too unlike in character to understand each other very well, or to grow intimate. Lucy had been carefully trained by an energetic mother, who believed in "system," and Molly's dawdling ways to the Editor of the paper. were always irritating to her. Molly seldom began any new piece of work, and never finished what she began. Lucy had been taught that she must finish. This made her cautious not to undertake too much. Her impulse was to undertake everything; but she has learned by experience that there comes a time about the middle of all long tasks when people feel he used. He replied : "I never drank a teaspooninclined to give them up, and are half sorry that ful of rum, gin, brandy, cider, wine, or beer, I they began at all. These "hitching" places are never smoked or took snuff, and I never drank tea like the "Thank-you-ma'ams" set in the middle or coffee." "But," said the passenger, "what do of long hills to arrest the wheels a moment as they you drink with your breakfast?" "Cold water," MS. should be sent to the address of C. E. BLACK, the place of the support of the purpose of the purpos go by; but the wheels go all the faster after once was the answer. "And what with your dinner?" they have passed the obstacle, and so do the workers who persevere.

pretty much decided in her own mind what she sick in my life," was the ready and glad reply. meant to do with every hour of the next day. So much time for this, so much for that, each follow- exposure in all sorts of bad weather, wind and ing each in regular sequence. And though a space storm, and never believed in the foolish notion that was always left for "fun," Lucy knew in advance he must take a drop of spirits to "keep out the what she meant the fun to be. This plan had its cold. disadvantages. It fretted her sometimes to be interrupted and called away, and to have her nicely | Cold water was the drink of the children of Israel adjusted plan broken into. Sometimes it made her in the wilderness. It was also the drink of Samson cross; but, on the whole, the good overbalanced and of Daniel, and of John the Baptist. It is the

the evil in this habit of hers, and she got a great best drink for you. deal more out of her time than if she had employed it with no method or plan in her mind.

Molly, on the contrary, began her days with no idea whatever as to how she should employ them, except the unconscious resolve not to do any more than she must. She was always late to breakfast; and while Lucy helped her aunt to wash the breakfast cups, Molly sat at the table idly balancing a spoon over the edge of hers. Too often she went up-stairs and lay on her bed half asleep, when she should have been waking herself up with fresh air. Mrs. Lester was greatly troubled at these ungirllike ways of Molly's. She consulted the doctor, who talked of " nerves" and "liver;" but all the blue-pills she swallowed made no difference to Molly, or roused her to an interest in existence. " Molly, come and have a good awing," Lucy would ery; "Melly, the boys want us to go to

Duck Brook after gentians." But "I don't want

to, I'm tired," would be Molly's answer. She was not really tired, and she knew in her heart that, if she chose, she could perfectly well jump up and go. But the pillow felt comfortable just then, and she felt easy, so she lay still and said: "Oh, don't bother me, Lucy !"

Every now and then she roused, as indolent peoindustry.

" I can't think how you find time to do so many things," she would say; "I should like an afghan like yours for my room ever so much, but I never could make a big thing like that." "Oh, yes; you could. You could do it in odd

minutes, and never know that it took any time at all," declared Lucy. "Do set one up, Molly. It's such interesting work, and aunty would give you the worsteds, I know.'

"Oh, I couldn't possibly. I haven't any time. "But you have, plenty. There's all that bit after breakfast, when you are waiting for Miss

"Only three-quarters of an hour." "I know-because you are almost always late. But, Molly, you can do lots in three-quarters of an "Nonsense, I should just get out my things and

then have to stop.'

"Well, there's the time after your music practice, and-"I can't begin to get to work in little bits of time like those," declared Molly. "And I'm always

tired after practicing, and don't feel like doing anything. So it went on, year after year. "I wish I had things like Lucy," Molly would say, or, when an injured feeling came over her, "I wish the boys didn't like Lucy better than me. It isn't fair, for

I'm their own sister, and she is only a cousin." But she never took the trouble to make herself either useful or beloved, and things gradually went away from her-the friends, the chances which should have been hers. It was sad for Molly to miss so much ; but it is the hard law of the world that to those who will have shall he given, and to the folded hands little or nothing. And now the two girls have grown up, and are

women. I went to the Lesters' home the other day. Jim, the oldest boy, is soon to be married. He came in while I was there. He spoke to us all, but he sat down close to Lucy, and had a long, lowvoiced talk with her about the little home he is furnishing. It was quite as a matter of course that he did so; but it struck me curiously, and couldn't help looking at Molly, who sat by the window with her hands folded, and took little part in the conversation.

Mrs. Lester has grown older of late years, and looks rather feeble. When the clock struck twelve, I saw Lucy jump up and lay down her work-a table-cover which she was embroidering in crewels for Jim's bride. She went out, and presently returned with a glass of milk and a biscuit. "Aunty glanced at Molly, and wondered that she should leave this daughterly office to Lucy.

in trouble with a difficult sum in algebra, and he a sinful world—the songs of angels for the temptatook his book to Lucy, who again laid down her tions of devils a throne of glory for a cross of But Molly did not look particularly sorry, and work to help him. Mr. Lester put his head into agony? It was love-only love! Love, not to Manchester, Robertson & Allison's. here a moment?" Next I saw her having a whis-Christ died for us." He showed his tender love in Cachemire Coupe.

Chevron Cloth doing all these things, and not Lucy.

ment. This constitutional sluggishness of tempera- lying on her bed, half asleep, and I couldn't help When in the agonies of death how kindly He spoke giving her a little hint as to what I had been think- to the penitent thief at his side! and how earnestly

always did prefer Lucy; they don't care a bit for He might easily have called forth an army of angels me. It isn't my fault. I've never been strong, to deliver Him; but if He had not died, we could you know, and I've had to rest a good deal,' -a not have been saved; and, therefore, we case He yawn-" and Lucy is one of the doing kind, and loved us, He drank the bitter cup to its very dregs. dustrious, or prompt, or neat-all these are habits always puts herself forward. Well, -another Now that He has risen again, His love to sinners which must be formed by years of effort; but, when yawn-"it is isn't her fault either, exactly; but is as great as ever. Love prompts Him to intercede I tied my bonnet on silently; when I turned

rom the glass, Molly was fast asleep! Now, girls, which would you rather be like-Molly or Lucy !- Sunday-school Times.

HOME HINTS.

hickens can be grown by planting sunflowers than prison, or risked his life to save yours, could you corn on equally rich soil. The sunflower seeds treat him with neglect? But Jesus has done far should not be given as an exclusive diet but once a more. He died to redeem you from eternal woe, day in alternation with other food. The fowls that and make you happy for ever in heaven. He comes soonest learn to like them will be marked by their to you, and, showing the mark of His wounds, He bright combs, and will begin laying fast.

WHEN roasting lamb or fowls, if you do not like the flavour given by thin slices of salt pork or of acon, which are usually put over them, take some hard butter, roll it in flour, and separate it into small lumps and lay here and there on the meat. This will give richness and flavour to the liquid with find Him full of pity and tenderness! He will which you baste them.

Coffee Jelly. One teacupful of very strong offee. Dissolve in it one packet of gelatine. Put on the fire one pint of milk and six ounces of lump sugar; when nearly on the boil pour in the coffee and gelatine. Let all boil together for ten minutes; pour into a wetted mould and keep in a cool place

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STORY AND POETRY.

A WISE CAPTAIN.

A Nantucket steamboat captain was once asked by a passenger on his boat how much ardent spirits water." "Well," said the passenger, "but what Before she went to sleep each night, Lucy had do you take when you are sick?" "I never was He was a wise captain. He was accustomed to

Cold water was the drink of Adam in Paradise.

AT SET OF SUN.

If we sit down at set of sun And count the things that we have done, And counting, find One self-denying act, one word That eased the heart of him who heard, One glance, most kind,

That fell like sunshine where it went-Then may we count this day well spent. But if through all the live-long day We've eased no heartly yea or nay;

If through it all We've done no things that we can trace, That brought the sunshine to a face ; No act, most small, That helped some soul, and nothing cost-

Then count that day as worse than lost.

Contributions from Young Folks. THE MYSTERY. No. 70. - DROP LETTER PUZZLE. FROM ELLA BLACE, QUEENS.

a-t t-y -r-a- u-ople do, with a sort of wonder at the result of Lucy's | w-t-r-: -o- t-n- -h-l- f-nt a-t-r -a-y d-y-No. 71.—DIAMOND PUZZLE. FROM HARRY S., ST. JOHN. Used as a vowel; denotes age; implies anguish; s an insect; a consonant.

> No. 72. - SQUARE WORD. FROM LOTTIE R. STEEVES, ST. JOHN. An animal; a border; old; advice.

No. 73. - ANAGRAM. FROM JENNIE WILLETT, KINGS. Fi I rotgef hete, ho seljemaur, elt ym higrt nhad rofgte orh ninchug.

No. 74.—BIBLE QUERIES. FROM "PEARL," SUNBURY. 1. Where is Ucal mentioned in the Bible ! 2. Where is Toi mentioned in the Bible ?

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

THE MYSTERY SOLVED. (No. 13.) No. 56, -(1). Matt. xxi. 30. (2). Num. xxvi. 46. No. 57 .-- W -- iddo -- W

E- agl - E A-lph --A S -adduce - S E- pistl -E L - emue -L

WEASEL. -See Levitions xi. 29. No. 58. - Psalm xlii. 1. No. 59 .- Sodom, sod. Oh! patiently we've waited to see the happy day,

When man shall tempt his brother no more to go And all shall strive together to lift the fallen up, And teach the weak and wretched to leave the cruel cup.'

SOLUTIONS TO PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS. I. Yes. Genesis xlix. 11, &c. 2. Yes. Exodus xii. 34, &c.

3. Yes. Galatians iii. 24, &c. 4. Yes. Levitions xi. 29, &c. CHAT.

BIBLE STUDY. TOPIC : COME TO JESUS.

JESUS IS A LOVING SAVIOUR. There could be no stronger proof of this than his ming from heaven to suffer and to die. His own words were, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends : ye are Ned, the second son, came in after that. He was my friends." Why did He leave a holy heaven for the room and called out, "Lucy, will you come friends, but to foes! "While we were yet sinners, pered conference with the cook; and I rubbed my a thousand ways, when on earth, going about doing eyes, for it seemed as if it must be Molly who was good—healing all manner of sickness—never turning from the poor and the sad-always the " Friend After dinner I went up-stairs to get my bonnet, of sinners." How He wept over Jerusalem as He which had been left in Molly's room. She was thought of her sins and approaching sufferings!

He prayed for his mocking murderers, "Father, "I know it," she answered plaintively. "They forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

for us, to pity, watch over, and succour us. He sends His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to dwell in our hearts. He loves you !- He died for you !- He looks down with pity on you !- He calls you to come to Him! His love has spared you till now, though you have rejected Him. His love bears with your sins, and again at this moment entreats you to accept a pardon purchased by His blood. If FOOD FOR CHICKENS. - More and better food for some friend spent his fortune to deliver you from says: "See how I loved thee, sinner! I love thee still. Come unto me, that I may save thee from sin and from hell!" Oh, reject not so gracious a

Saviour! Trample not under foot such wonderful love! You will never meet with such another Friend. Trust Him-love Him. You will always comfort, guide, protect, and save you, amid all the dangers and sorrows of life-deliver you from the sting of death-and then make you happy for ever in heaven! Oh, come to this loving Saviour! See Luke xix. 41-44; xxiii. 33-43; John x 1-30; xv. 12-15; Rom. v. 6-8; Eph. iii. 17-19.

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ALFRED S. BLACK, Queens .- Read note above! and not REV. Jos. McLEOD. All puzzles must be "Cold water." "And for your supper?" "Cold accompanied with solutions to ensure publication. We thank you for your liberal offer! All MS. should be in our hands at least 15 days previous to April 3rd to receive publication in that issue-the same with every succeeding issue.

> Annie E. Dinsmore, Providence, R. I.—Please send solutions to Bible Queries. Read above! NELLIE G. VANWART, Woodstock.-Nos. 45, 48, 52, 56, 58 correctly solved. Thanks for Queries ! ELLIS W. SMITH, Jacksonville .- You have correctly solved Nos. 45 (3), 51, 52 (2), 56. JENNIE McDougall, St. John. -Nos. 51, 53, 54, 58, 59, 60, correct.

B. A. McNabb, Fredericton.—Read notes above. Prize Bible Questions correctly but no puzzles.

PRIZE WINNERS. The following are the successful persons in PRIZE OFFERS, March 27th : First-Harry S., St. John. Second-Lottie R. Steeves, St. John.

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