### goetry.

TRIED AS SILVER IS TRIED. "Thou hast tried us assilver is tried."-Paalm ixvi. 10.

I saw them crush the silver ore Till all the hills around, That lay in beauty, calm and still, Re-schoed with the sound.

I saw when hoofs of angry steeds Had trampled out the ore, And fiercely burned the furnace fires. To purify still more.

I saw the silver in the fire. The dross all burned away, And perfect in its purity, "A thing of beauty lay.

As silver thou dost try us, Lord, Till melted at thy will, In sweet submission we have learned To suffer and be still.

The die must heavy press the heart To bear thine image there, And these who love thee most, dear Lord, Gladly thy sufferings share.

Oh alt boulde the furnace, Lord-

finer of the beart-Till perfect, spotless, pure and white,

son thes as thou art ! -L. M. Latim

### A BOY'S HYMN. "Just as I am," Thine own to be,

Friend of the young, who lovest me ; To consecrate myself to Thee, O Jesus Christ I come.

In the glad morning of my day, My life to give, my vows to pay, With no reserve and no delay, With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light, I would work ever for the right, I would serve Thee with all my might, Therefore to Thee I come.

"Just as I am," young, strong and free, To be the best that I can be For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,

Lord of my life, I come. With many dreams of fame and gold Success and joy to make me bold ; But dearer still my faith to hold, For my whole life 1 come. And for Thy sake to win renown, And then to take my victor's crown, And at Thy feet to cast it down,

O Master, Lord, I come. -Marianne Farningham.

The fireside.

count in a lifetime, but we won't talk about that YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN. till we get to it. I want to know now the difference between plants and animals."

"Animals," said Mary, who had somewhere CONDUCTED BY C. E. BLACK, CASE SETread the definition, "animals grow, live and feel, TLEMENT, KINGS COUNTY, N. B. but plants only grow and live."

and air,) and breathes out oxygen. Now," con-

tinued Hugh, "that you may understand me, I

shall have to give you a short lesson in chemistry.

making the air pure. In every twenty-five hun-

dred gallons of air there is always about one gallon

of carbonic acid. Carbon, then, is the plants' fav-

orite food ; and men get it by heating wood just

enough to drive away the other parts and leave

that. If you burn up a stick of wood, the carbon

goes off in smoke, and the ashes remaining are

earthy substances which the plants drank in with

"Haven't you got 'most to their mouths now ?"

asked Sammie, who thought the object lesson too

"Almost. Now, if you will each take a leaf and

look at it, you will see that it is made up, first, of

woody fibres, or threads, some large and some quite

small, which, crossing each other in every direction.

make a strong frame, or skeleton, for the leaf ;

second, of green pulp, which fills up the frame-

work ; and third, of a sort of skin which covers the

whole. This skin is thicker and tougher upon the

upper than on the lower side, enabling the leaf to

bear the heat of the sunshine. If you twist a leaf

upside down it will turn itself back again, or, if

you keep it from turning, it will die in the attempt.

"I'm going to try that," cried Fred, seizing a

"Now," observed Hugh, as he fished a pocket

microscope from his pocket and placed it on the

under side of the leaf, "if you will look carefully

through this glass I think you will see the mouths

or pores as they are more commonly called. They

are little openings in the skin of the leaf which

botanists call stomata, the Greek word for mouths.

I don't know why it isn't just as well to call them

Hugh passed the glass and leaf around, and all

looked at the leaf-mouths, which, though they

seemed much larger than they really were, looked

mouths in English as in Greek."

water from the ground."

much like a lecture.

rose leaf.

"Well, that is pretty near it. The animal lices, DRIGINAL PUZZLES WITH SOLUTIONS, ORIGINAL moves, feels, eats regetuble food, and breathes out OR SELECTED STORIES, AND SOLUTIONS TO THE carbonic acid gas; while the plant does not feel, lives MYSTERY RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED; on mineral food, (that is food taken from the earth

STORY AND POETRY.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

I said that animals breache out carbonic acid gas. "Mamma, when I am a man I will begin to love The air that you breathe out is not the same that Jesus." you breathe in. You breathe in air and breathe These words fell from the lips of a little fellow

out this gas. If you were shut up in an air-tight scarcely six years old. His mother had endeavored room till you had breathed over all the air and many times to impress on his youthful mind the made it into carbonic acid gas, you would soon die necessity of early piety ; but hitherto all the perin it. It is poisonous for animals, but good ford sussions seemed in vaio.

for plants. At least the plants eat the carbon in it. When the child uttered these words his mother For carbonic acid is made of carbon, the same as said : "But, my dear, suppose you do not live to chargoal, and oxygen. Oxygen is a gas which be a man ?" makes a fifth part of the air, and is the part of it

He remained silent for some minutes, with his which supports life. We could not live without it. eyes fixed on the ceiling, as in deep thought, and Animals then, by breathing out this carbonic acid, then with a resolute countenance added : " Then, are all the time making the air impure ; but plants, mamma, I had better begin at once."-The Sunby taking this gas through their mouths, using the beam. carbon and giving back the oxygen, are all the time

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."-2 Pet. iii. 18.

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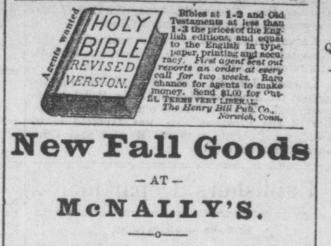
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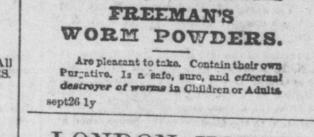


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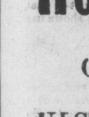
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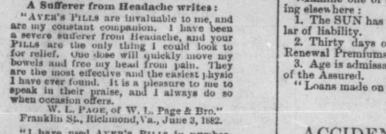
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THE LEAF. BT O. OLDPEN.

Mary Baker was lame, and so it came to pass that her brothers spent many of their holidays at home with their crippled sister, instead of making long expeditions from it, as boys are wont to do at such times, MOR ANA

On this particular Saturday afternoon, Fred, Harry, Mary, and Lulu Baker had been having a grand time in the yard with their friends, Willie and Sammie Hartwell and Sarah Foster. It would wear this poor old pen entirely out to tell you about all the games they played ; how the girls kept house ; how Hal, and Will, and Sam kept stores, while Fred ran a bank issuing greenbacks made of leaves ; how they all took tea, with pure, cold, well water for the tea; how Fred, and Hal, and Will made speeches-orations, Sam called them-which the rest applauded ; and how-but oh, dear ! I can't begin to tell you all the nice plays keep it back. But you must not suppose that the they played.

Now, however, they were a little tired, just onough so to be still and play some quiet game, not tired enough to go home. So they had all gathered in the arbor-a beautiful one it was, all covered with rose vines, and fragrant with the scent of roses -and were making wreaths of leaves.

Luft crowned queen. A pretty picture they would have made just then. Lulu, with her crown of leaves and roses, sat enthroned upon a seat made by the clasped hands of Willie Hartwell and Brother Fred, while Harry, Sam, Mary, and Sarah, themselves loaded with trailing garlands, were all mak ing very low bows to her little majesty.

"Hail, all hail, most gracious sovereign !" a voice at the door, and all eyes were turned to ward Hugh Baker, the oldest boy in the family, a college student, now home to spend vacation. eat. Every drop of rain while falling absorbs a " Hail ! queen of the flowers ! May your reignwhat tired of royalty so soon !" exclaimed Hugh, as Lulu slid from her throne in a manner not very queenly, and sprang into his arms.

He sat down, holding the little queen, to watch and lumber for our houses." the play, but the play seemed to have come to a stand-still, so there was none to watch.

"Tell a story, Hugh, do tell a story," lisped Lulu, patting his cheek.

" That's so ! let's have a story !" chimed the rest. " Tell us a fairy story," said Sammie. "Tell a story about the Indians, or hunting

bears and buffalos," said Harry. "Tell us an Indian legend," said Fred.

"Tell us a story about the sea," said Willie.

"Suppose you turn professor, and give us a lecture, just such as you have in college," suggested Mary.

"Well," said Hugh, laughing, " isn't there any thing else you would like to hear 1 If not, I'll try to gratify you all. I'll begin with the lecture, o the principle of keeping the best till the last you know.'

So, stepping out into the middle of the arbor he picked up a leaf, and, drawing his handkerchief from the pocket of his cont-flap, wiped his nose with sundry solemn flourishes. Then, clearing his throat with a sufficiently loud and important " shom," with tones of mock seriousness and a slightly nasal twang, he began :

"Ladies and gentlemen :- Allow me to introduce you, by means of this leaf, to the extremely interesting and useful science of botany. All plants are either phanegamous or cryptogamous Cryptogamous, or flowerless plants, are such as the muci, fungi, filicer and algo. Phonogamous, or the beer."

like little dots. Lulu could see nothing that looked like a mouth and was quite disappointed. "These mouths," continued Hugh, "are very

numerous, but are almost all on the under side of the leaf. There may be a few thousand on the 2. The son of a builder. upper side, but they are few in comparison with the whole number. It is said that the lear of the apple tree has 54,000 of them on every square inch of the lower surface, and some leaves have many more service of God. to the square inch. Some of our largest trees, then, whose leaves if put together into one leaf would | truth. cover four or five acres of ground, must have thousands and thousands of millions of mouths. These

breathe out oxygen, but they give out in the form of a vapor much of the water which the plant drinks in by its roots. They are also guarded by a pair of little cells which open when moist, so as to let out the vapor, but close when dry so as to plant gets all its food or even all its carbon from the air. The roots bring up water from the ground, and the water feeds the tree with oxygen and hydrogen. Besides, there is dissolved in the water a little carbonic acid and some earthy substances

and the water, the plant makes food for animals. " Perhaps you never noticed that the buds are ormed in the fall before the leaves fall off. Durng the winter the tree sleeps, we might say, but in the spring when the snow melts, the ground thaws, and the showers fall, the thirsty roots drink up the moisture in the ground, convert it into sap. No. 106.-and send it to wake up the buds. These unfold into leaves, and then the plant is ready to do its summer's work. Every breeze wafts along some of this carbonic acid, and the leaf-mouths open and No. 107.little of the acid, and that is why the air is so much purer after a shower. Then the greedy roots swallow up the water, and the tree is fed and grows and brings forth fruit, and gives us fuel for our stoves. No. 108 --

A LITTLE BOY'S LOGIC.

which the plant uses. So out of the air, the earth,

A little boy was induced to sign the Band of Hope pledge. His father was a collector, and one day a publican called upon him for the purpose of paying his rates. In the course of conversation it turned out that the little boy was a tectotaler.

"What !" said the publican, with a sneer, " a mere boy like that a testotaler ?" 'Yes, sir," said the boy, " I am one."

"And you mean to say you have signed the pledge ?"

"Yes, sir, I have ; and mean to keep it too." "Nonsense !" said the publican. "The idea ! why you are too young to sign the pledge.' The little fellow came up to him, took hold him quietly by she arm, and repeated his words : You say I am too young te be a teetotaler ?" "Yes, I do."

"Well now, sir, please listen ;" said he. "I assurance. You have been speaking of assurance, will ask you a question : You are a publican, are not of faith. It is very delightful to feel sure of will ask you a question: You are a publican, are you not, and sell beer? Well, then, suppose I come to your house for a pint of beer, would you seud me about my business because I am so for salvation. Assurance is feeling certain we are

"Oh no," said Boniface, "that is quite a differ-ent thing." Assurance is feeling certain we are necessary for salvation, but assurance is not Many ent thing."

necessary for salvation, but assurance is not Many "Very well, then," said the noble little fellow, people possess an assurance which is false, while with triumph in his face, " if I am not too young they are destitute of faith ; and many also have to bring the beer, I am not too young to give up true faith, but do not enjoy assurance. Suppose





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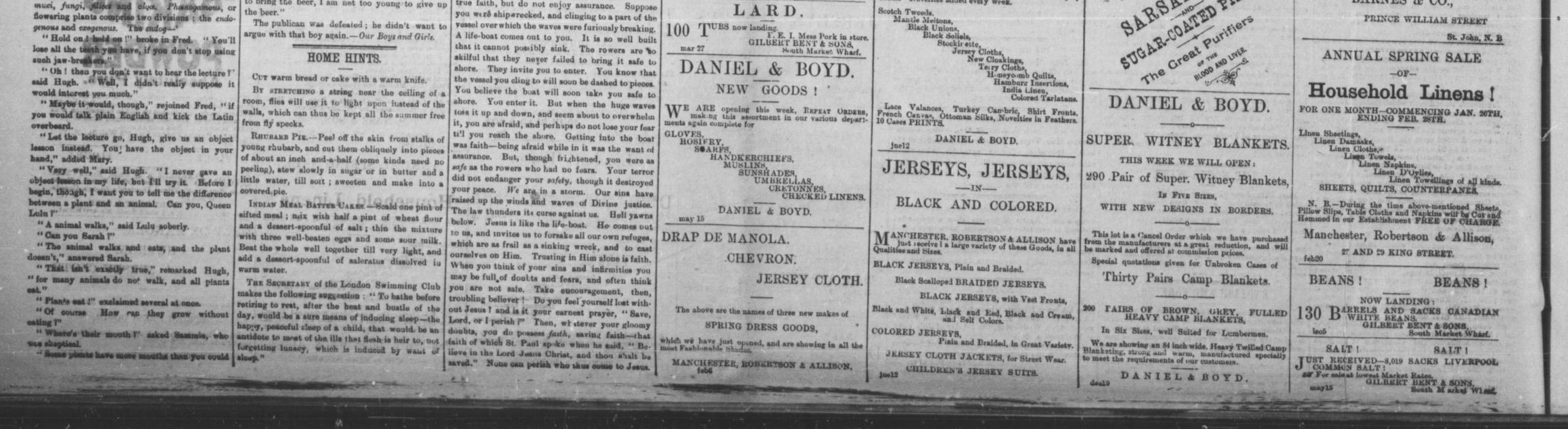
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