

The Fireside.

LEARN A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

Little rills make wider streamlets,
Streamlets swell the rivers flow;
Rivers join the mountain billows,
Onward, onward, as they go!
Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine, work and play;
So may we, with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make boundless harvests,
Drops of rain compose the showers,
Seconds make the flying minutes,
And the minutes make the hours!
Let us hasten, then, and catch them
As they pass us on the way;
And with honest, true endeavor,
Learn a little every day.

Let us read some striking passage,
Call a verse to mind every day;
Here a line, and there a sentence,
'Gainst the lonely time of age!
At our work, or by the wayside,
While the sun shines making hay;
Thus we may, by help of study,
Learn a little every day.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

It was Saturday night and two children
sat on the stairs in the lighted hall,
Vexed and troubled and sore perplexed,
To learn for Sunday the difficult text.
Only three words on a gilded card.
And both of the children declared it hard.

"Love"—that is easy; it means—why,
this,
(A warm embrace, and a loving kiss).
"But 'one another'—I don't see who
Is meant by 'another' now, May, do
you?"

Very grandly she raised her head,
Our thoughtful darling, and slowly said,
As she fondly smiled on her little brother:
"Why, I am 'one,' and you are 'another';
And this is the meaning—don't you see!
That I must love you and you must
love me."

Wise little preacher! could any sage
Interpret better the sacred page?

SEAL PUPPIES.

Alaska is the favorite home of
the fur seal. About the middle of
May they gather on the various
islands of that interesting country
in great numbers. Soon after land-
ing the females begin to find their
young, of which they have but one;
at great intervals twins. As soon
as the little fellow is born on the
sand he begins to call for his mother
with a husky, strange voice, like the
bleating of a lamb. He also begins
to paddle about with his eyes wide
open, evidently looking for refresh-
ments. The pup for the first three
months or so is black as jet, with
two little white spots just back of
his forearms. When first born they
are about one foot to fourteen inches
in length, and weighing from three
to four pounds. The mother never
fondles or caresses her offspring, but
leaves it in the sand with hundreds
and thousands of other puppies, and
goes away to the sea to bathe and
catch fish for food.

The little puppy does not even
know his own mother from any other,
but is so constituted that he keeps
up that frequent bleating, so that
when his mother returns she in-
stantly recognizes the voice of her
own from all the rest and nurses it.

Early in August the pups begin
to learn to swim, for during the first
fifty or sixty days of their life they
can swim about as well as a stone.
Some naturalists aver that their
mothers drive them down into the
water and teach them the art of
swimming. This is not true. After
they have attained the age of six
weeks or two months they go of
their own choice down to the margin
of the surf, where the water rushes
out over them, and in turn leaves
them on solid ground. If a puppy
happens to be washed off his feet
and carried out beyond his depth,
he becomes greatly alarmed, opens
wide his mouth and big eyes, and
struggles manfully for the shore.
Many of them are drowned in this
way. This kind of practice is kept
up till the little fellows are able to
swim in all sorts of ways, diving,
twisting, and floating on their backs
till they are completely tired out,
when they crawl out on the sand
and curl down for a nap. When
this is done, usually occupying less
than an hour, they are at it again.
The mother never takes the slight-
est supervision of her children's
swimming or anything else, except
to come out of the sea at intervals
and give him nurse.

About the middle of October the
puppies completely shed their black
hair and take on a beautiful steel-
gray hair, with a bright brown under-
fur. This is their sea-going coat.
Early in winter they leave Alaska
in small squads, and do not see land
again until their return the next
May. They go, seemingly by com-
mon consent, to the south, and are
soon lost in the vast and wide ocean,
where they spread themselves out
all over the North Pacific from
Oregon to Japan. They rest and
sleep in the water with the greatest
comfort from November to May,
when those of them fortunate enough
to escape the shark and other
enemies return again to the same
spot where they were born, having
been on a voyage of seven months
and thousands of miles on the briny
deep.—*Rambler.*

Eternity is crying out to you louder
and louder as you near its brink. Rise,
be going.

JOHNNY'S WAY.

Papa asked Johnny to weed the
flower plot one morning, but at night
he had forgotten it. Mamma asked
him to please stay in the house with
Mattie, Wednesday afternoon, be-
cause she had a cold and couldn't go
out, and at night he said he didn't
stay in because he didn't feel like it,
and mamma didn't say he must.

Then papa asked him another
morning to weed the flower-bed, and
at night when he was asked why it
had not been done, he replied,
"Cause you didn't say I must, and
I didn't want to."

Papa went into the house without
saying a word, and Johnny some-
how felt uneasy. He followed papa
around, and watched him closely.
Just after supper, papa remarked
quietly:

"I had a letter from your Uncle
Fred this morning, Johnny, and
your cousins, Will and Joe, have a
birthday party to-night. They have
invited you."

Johnny's eyes surely would have
made any one laugh to see how
widely a boy's eyes could open, then
he fairly gasped in astonishment:
"Why—papa, why didn't you
tell me?"

"Oh, I didn't feel like it," fretted
papa.
"But I'm invited to the party,"
cried Johnny, "and I must go. I
wouldn't miss one of those parties
for the world."

"Well," said papa, indifferently,
"yes, they invited you if I chose to
let you go, but they didn't say I
must, and I don't want to."

Well, it was a hard lesson; but
nothing except a hard lesson was
going to make any lasting impres-
sion on Johnny's mind, or help him
to overcome his faults, Uncle Fred's
house could have been reached by a
ride in the horse-cars, and nothing
could be more enjoyable than the
birthday parties the cousins, Will
and Joe, were often allowed to give.
Johnny had attended two or three,
staying all night afterward, and al-
ways thought them the most deli-
cious occasions imaginable.

In vain he coaxed, and cried,
and promised; all he could get
mamma or papa to say was, that
they didn't feel like letting him go,
or didn't want to. Kind-hearted
little Mattie tried to persuade papa
to forgive Johnny, "just this once,"
but papa laughed and said, Johnny
had been forgiven "just this once,"
so many times he should feel it was
wicked to forgive him again. Be-
sides mamma didn't feel like dress-
ing him for a party.

But poor Johnny grew so thor-
oughly disgusted with a miserable
rule which could only work two
ways in such a wretched, disappoint-
ing way, that he finally grew wise
enough to make up his mind to have
nothing to do with such rules.

JAPAN LIFE IN BOATS.

In Poland some families are born
and die in salt mines, without ever
living above ground, and in Japan
some are born and die the same
way on boats, without ever living
on shore.

"One of the most interesting
features of Japanese life to me,"
says a recent traveller there, "was
the manner of living in the boats
and junks, thousands of which fre-
quent every bay along the coast.
The awkward junks always belong
to the members of one family, and
usually every branch of the family,
old and young, live on board."

"The smaller sailboats are made
like a narrow flatboat, and the sail
(they never have but one) is placed
very near the stern, and extends
from the mast about the same dis-
tance in either direction, i. e. the
mast runs in the middle of the sail
when it is spread."

"In these little boats men are
born and die, without ever having
an abiding place on shore. Women
and all are nearly naked, except in
rains, when they put on layers of
fringed straw mats, which gives them
the appearance of being thatched.
At night, if in harbor, they bend
poles over the boat from side to side
in the shape of a bow, and cover
them with this straw, water-tight
straw, and go to sleep all together
like a lot of pigs."

"A child three years old can
swim like a fish, and often children
who will not learn of their own ac-
cord, are repeatedly thrown over-
board until they become expert
swimmers. In the harbors children
seem to be perpetually tumbling
overboard, but the mothers delib-
erately pick them out of the water, and
cuffing them a lit'tle, go on with
their work. It is really astonish-
ing at what an age these boys and
girls will learn to scull a boat."

"I have seen a boat twenty feet
long, most adroitly managed by
three children, all under seven years
of age. I am told that with-
standing their aptness at swimming
many boatmen get drowned, for no
boat ever goes to another's aid, nor
will any boatmen save another from
drowning, because as he says it is all
fate, and he who interferes with fate
will be severely punished in some
way. Besides this, the saving of a

boatman's life only keeps a chafing
soul so much longer in purgatory,
when it ought to be released by the
death of the sailor which the gods,
by fate, seem to have selected for
the purpose."

RESULTS OF CONVERSION.

Joseph Cook concludes his last
week's Monday lecture on "Man's
Part in Conversion," as follows:
What are the results of total self-
surrender to God, as known to uni-
versal ethical experience? Peace,
spiritual illumination, hatred of sin,
admiration of holiness, a strange,
new sense of the divine presence, a
feeling of union with God, a love of
prayer. Even in the sphere which
historic Christianity has not reached,
there will be, after total self-surren-
der, as I hold, at least a dim sense
of forgiveness, the feeling that one
can say "Abba, Father"; a new de-
light in God's works and in His
Word; love of man; loss of fear of
death; a growing and finally su-
preme love of the Father, Redeemer,
Ruler, Saviour, which has become
the soul's all.

An evangelist of great experience
and wisdom has distributed many
thousands of cards on which were
printed the following evidence of
conversion. He speaks from the point
of view of exegetical knowledge. I
have spoken thus far from the point
of view of ethical science, strictly so-
called. Let me contrast now with
my results, of a practical evangelist.
These are the signs of conversion
which Dr. Earle gives:

1. A full surrender of the will to
God.
2. The removal of a burden of
sin gradually or suddenly.
3. A new love to Christians
and to Jesus.
4. A new relish for the word of
God.

5. Pleasure in secret prayer, at
least at times.
6. Sin or sinful thoughts will
cause pain.
7. Desire and efforts for the sal-
vation of others.
8. A desire to obey Christ in His
commands and ordinances.
9. Deep humility and self-abase-
ment.

10. A growing desire to be holy
and like Christ.
As palm matches palm, so God's
revelation of Himself in His works
matches His revelation of Himself
in His Word.

HOME HINTS.

Two or three bananas, sliced in a
bowl of bread and milk, make a
delicious and sufficient lunch.
A stale loaf of bread, dipped
quickly into cold water, then baked
for half an hour, is better than when
fresh. I take but half a loaf for my
family of three.

Queen's toast makes a good sub-
stitute for hot breakfast bread. Beat
an egg and stir it into a cup of milk.
Dip the slices of stale bread into this
mixture and fry quickly.

Salmon salad may be made by
filling a salad bowl with alternate
layers of finely chopped fresh cab-
bage and of finely pickled salmon.
Pour over it a rich dressing.

Fresh eggs, for invalids, who like
them cooked soft, should be put in
a pan of boiling water, and set on a
part of the range where they will
not boil for several minutes. At the
end of that time they will be like
jelly, perfectly soft, but beautifully
done, and quite digestible by even
weak stomachs.

Parboiled potatoes, cut in slices
half an inch thick, place in a wire
gridiron and boil over a slow fire
till well browned on both sides, then
season with salt and pepper and
serve hot, with a little melted butter
over them. Cold boiled potatoes
may be broiled this way and be al-
most as good as fresh ones.

Young Folks' Column.
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PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.
The Mystery.
No. 95.—AN OLD PUZZLE.
(FROM JENNIE WILLET, KINGS.)
It is true I have both face and hands,
And move before your eye;
But when I move my body stands,
And when I stand I lie.

No. 96.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.
(FROM JENNIE McDUGALL, ST. JOHN.)
A letter; a mode of conveyance; of
a bird; to steal; a consonant.

No. 97.—SQUARE WORD.
(FROM "KANSACKER," KINGS.)
An animal; comfort; invites; to
recline.

No. 98.—DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.
(FROM "TURVEY," KINGS.)
N—m—n—v—r—f—e—d—d
—i—o—n—o—s—i—n—e—u—
—r—t—r—o—t—t—t—t—t—
—e—g—d—p—n—i—f—r—t—

No. 99.—ENIGMA.
(FROM C. L. McLEOD, WOODSTOCK.)
In jump, but not in fall;
In piece, but not in all;
In tear, but not in cut;
In house, but not in hut;
In mirth, but not in joy;
In girl, but not in boy;
In aim, but not in shoot;
In hat, but not in boot.
The whole is the name of a prophet.

No. 100.—PI PUZZLE.
(FROM W. S. LEVIN, BENTON.)
Tetebr is a dyr sorelm, dan tesingseu
erwhteih, nhat na ushoe luff fo rasi-
fose hwti refist.

No. 101.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
(FROM LIZZIE A. KERR, YORK.)
I am composed of 12 letters.
My 2, 6, 7, 1 is a command to sol-
diers;
My 7, 10, 8, 9 is a wild animal;
My 4, 6, 7, 1 is a useful article;
My 11, 3, 6, 4, 3 is to stop;
My whole is a city where Paul
preached.

No. 102.—DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.
(FROM "BLAINE," QUEENS.)
Hrn s m fthr glrld, th y br mch
frt; s shl y b m dscla.

No. 103.—CENTRE DELETION.
(ED. Y. F. C.)
1. When you an apostle's name delete,
A nobleman you then will greet.
2. From a coloring substance
The central letter take,
And a motion of the heart
You will then make.

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)
The Mystery Solved.
(No. 12)
8 3 4
1 5 9
6 7 2

No. 70.—Daniel.
No. 71.—1. Swine. 2. Ass. 3.
Lamb. 4. Goat.
No. 72.—Solomon's Song ii. 1.
No. 73.—St. John xix. 36.
No. 74.—1 Samuel xvi. 7.
No. 75.—(1) Zech. viii. 5. (2).
Matt. xxiii. 24.
No. 76.—John iii. 12.
No. 77.—"The Prince of Peace."

CHAT.
TO BE SOLVED.—Jennie Willett
sends us an old puzzle which we feel
sure all can answer. The Diamond,
Square Word and Drop-Letter Puzzle
are good examples, and may, no doubt,
cause you to try hard—but that is
what ensures success. C. L. McLeod's
Enigma and W. S. Levin's Pi are good.
Try them. Those who like numbers
should not fail to see No. 101.
"Blaine's" Drop-Vowel follows, and
lastly the Centre Deletion. Who will
solve them all? Remember all solu-
tions must reach us before the time for
publication, which is three weeks.
Who is going to try for the prize?

LOTTIE R. STEEVES, St. John, sends
us correct solutions to all the puzzles
in issue No. 11. See announcement
in previous issue. Send some puzzles.

JENNIE McDUGALL, Carleton, St.
John, has our thanks for the nice
batch of puzzles. She also sends cor-
rect answers to Nos. 54, 56, 57, 60,
(issue No. 9), and Nos. 62, 64, 65, 66,
67 and 68 of issue No. 10. Come
again soon.

JENNIE WILLET, Westfield, Kings,
again visits us. We prefer original
puzzles! Nevertheless, this issue we
publish one of those which you sent.
Correct solutions to Nos. 70, 71, 72,
75. Write again.

JESSIE B. SHARP, Midland, Kings,
sends right answers to Nos. 54, 55, 63,
66, 73 and 75 (1).
HELEN R., St. John, has correctly
solved "The Mystery" in issue No.
12. We welcome all new contributors;
therefore come again.

F. J. MCCREA, Shannon, has our
thanks for her Query, and the kind
words. Write again soon, for we are
pleased to hear from all the INTELLI-
GENCER readers.

OUR LETTER BOX.
Fannie's Bible Query.
SHANNON, N. B., March 22, 1886.
DEAR UNCLE NED,—I am a reader
of the INTELLIGENCER, and I am very
much interested in the "Puzzle De-
partment." If you consider my efforts
worthy of publication, I will be pleased
to write again. I send you a Bible
Query. It is as follows: Where is "a
pulpit of wood" mentioned in the
Bible? I hope this will be a help to
you; and wishing you every success,
and God's most abundant blessing to
the COLUMN, I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
FANNIE J. MCCREA.

WESTFIELD, Kings, March 26, 1886.
DEAR UNCLE AND COUSINS,—I am
very much interested in the YOUNG
FOLKS' COLUMN, and shall be glad to
help you at any time that I can. I
hope you will prosper in your work.
I remain, yours, etc.,
JENNIE WILLET.

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