#### The Best that I Can,

'I cannot do much," said a little star, 'To make the dark world bright! My silvery beams cannot struggle far Through the folding gloom of night! But I'm only part of God's great plan, And I'll cheerfully do the best that I can

What's the use,' said the fleecy cloud 'Of those few drops that I hold? They will hardly bend the lily proud, Though caught in her cup of gold ! Yet I am part of God's great plan, Somy treasures I'll give as well as I can

A child went merrilly forth to play, But a thought, like a silver-thread. Kept winding in and out all day, Through the happy golden head. Mother said, 'Darling, do all you can, For you are a part of God's great plan!'

She knew no more than the glancing star Nor the cloud with its chalice full! How, why, and for what, all strange

things were-She was only a child at school ! But thought, 'It's part of God's great plan, That even I should do all that I can!'

So she helped a younger child along When the road was rough to her feet, And she sang from her heart a little

That we all thought passing sweet. And her father, a weary, toil-worn man, Said, I, too, will do the best that I can.

#### Finding Happiness.

Poor Lucy Lake was listlessly fingering the keys of the piano, and wishing she knew what to do with herself, or how to employ the long spring after-

She was tired of playing on the piano, tired of Kensington embroidery and painting, tired of reading stories, in fact, tired of everything, and felt almost ready to declare herself tired of life itself-her bright, easy life, so full of opportunities for doing good and making herself a blessing to others."

is often the pampered children of sprightliness, "I don't believe anyfortune who experience unrest and thing you could do would please your sisters are strangers.

"Father," said Mrs. Lake to her husband one evening, "do you notice lessons may prove a real fascination how dull and listless Lucy seems of to you as you grow skilled in the use-

"Why, no; I haven't observed it particularly," replied Mr. Lake.

decidedly; "and I think perhaps she needs a change. How would it do, toga with her Aunt and cousin Laura?" "I've no objections," said Mr.

Lake; "but I don't see why she isn't taken that evening. just as well off at home." "Oh, well, young people need a

try what Saratoga will do for her.'

Lucy brightened up considerably at thoughts of spending a few weeks converted into light, creamy loaves. with her aunt and cousin st the fashionable resort. But she returned with the old look of discontent, and Mrs. Lake began to be really distressed that Lucy took so little interest in what was going on about her.

Several parties and entertainments, which occurred about that time, served to divert the young girl's mind for a little while; then the old, apathetic manner returned, and at last even her father noticed it.

"I wish Lucy'd go and visit Aunt Martha," he said to his wife one evening.

homestead, he was much pleased to ings to a needy sufferer. enjoy going there.

stay?" inquired the mother.

Aunt Martha Lake was a pleasant, household. great pleasure to her, as it was also tripped in at the door soon sent all ter to her home, where she had not was but one inexperienced girl in the visited since leaving school two years kitchen, she hardly understood Lucy's before. Mrs. Lake had sent word gay reply: that Lucy had not seemed quite as "Never mind, mother dear. Such My 10, 2, 3, 11 are insects. well or active as was desirable for a wonderfully experienced individual some little time, and she hoped the has arrived, we will soon make an exsimple diversions of farm life would pert of our green assistant." prove enlivening, and help in waking

up the dear child. her mother so much anxiety.

But one morning Aunt Martha appeared in the sitting-room with a shade on her face, tears in her eyes, and an open letter in her hand.

"My dear," she saidgently, address-

ing Lucy, "I have some trying news

from my dear brother, your kind father. His business matters are causing him much trouble, and he has he at present sees no way of retriev- in doing good. - Zion's Herald. ing. He writes that he does not wish to burden any of us with his perplexities, and he particularly desires that for the present you should remain where you are. Now, my dear child," continued Aunt Martha, more cheerily, "only think what a help and comfort you would become to your loving, generous parents, if you only choose. Very probably these losses of which your father writes will involve considerable change in the manner of living at your home, at least life in the ordinary and appointed exfor some time. Your mother may not feel like keeping servants and allow-Only think how nice it would be if you should return home able to lend a so much for you?"

tonight how to make light, sweet pointment in our expectations, with playing. To-morrow I will teach you or contradicts our humor. how to mix those nice sponge muffins you like so much. And, as your father desires you should stay with Lucy was an only child, and her in- us--where you are more than welcome dulgent parents were not only able, -a few weeks longer, suppose you but willing, gladly, to gratify her take a lesson in cooking each day wishes in almost all respects. But it "Why," she added with her old discontent, to which their less affluent | parents more than to have you return to them able to cook good, appetizing meals; and who knows but the simple

Lucy was naturally affectionate, and very fond of her home and her "Well, I have," said the mother, parents. It had caused a pang of genuine pain to know that trouble had come in her absence, and Aunt do you think, to let her visit Sara- Martha's sensible, kindly proposal was gladly received; and Lucy's first lesson in the kitchen was accordingly

Aunt Martha declared she had never seen her pretty niece look so change now and then, and it's nearly charming before as, clad in a new six months since Lucy has been away cambric dress, her plump arms bare, from home. I think she had better and her rosy fingers covered with flour, she stood kneading the batter Mr. Lake said, "All right," and which under Aunt Martha's skilful directions would in the morning be

Every day some useful lesson was learned. Every night the young girl went to her bed the wiser for some new achievement in her new department of employment; while Aunt Martha secretly rejoiced at the utter change in the face and manner of her pupil, whose progress in one of the most important branches of a woman's education was remarkable.

One day Aunt Martha asked Lucy if she would not like to make a custard for a sick woman, a member of their church. This was another unusual experience, and Lucy felt a thrill of "Oh, dear! that's the very last satisfaction and justifiable pride, perplace she would want to visit," said haps, when she started on her errand her mother; but when Mr. Lake pro- of mercy; a rich custard with whipped posed to Lucy the next morning that foam on top, also, some delicious litshe should visit at her aunt's quiet the sponge cakes, her welcome offer-

hear her say she believed she would At last her time came for her return to parents and home. Nothing had "How long do you think you'll been said in her letters concerning her new occupation; but so bright and "Just as long as I can content my- hopeful had the letters been, that Mrs. Lake almost dreaded seeing her | \* . . . \* "Then you won't be gone long," dear child, for fear she might wilt inwas her mother's mental observation. deed in the changed habit of the

practical Christian woman. It was a But the happy-faced maiden who to Grandpa Lake, to welcome the such fears to the winds. When her pretty young neice and grand-daugh- mother said complainingly that there

A new life has indeed begun for pretty Lucy Lake-a happy life, be-At first, Aunt Martha was pleased cause one filled with useful, wholeto notice that Lucy seemed quite in some duties. Mr. Lake declares there titsompeer sa eht hentahe od rfo yteh terested in what was going on about never was such bread outside of his kinth htta hety llsah eb dearh rof ireht her; but the novelty soon wore off, father's house as his dear child can cumh ginkeaps. and the young lady sank into the make; and her mother regards it as a dull, apathetic state which had caused mystery that she could have learned so much in so short a time. And Lucy often looked at Aunt Martha then she never forgot the help and and envied her; for no matter whether 'pleasure it gave her to go repeatedly 'nd hlth t th bns.

the sun shone or the rain fell, no to the bedside of that poor, sick, matter what happened indoors or out, Christian woman. It was astonishing her face was always placid and her how soon she learned of another just hands always occupied with useful such worthy, needy case, hardly more 1-w pr-ph-s-d-nt-l J-hn. taan a stone's throw from her own father's door. And little by little, as business improved with her father, and fortune once more smiled upon them, Dr. Grace, her pastor, came to regard Miss Lucy Lake as one of the most useful, young members of his church and society.

She had found true happiness where it can almost always be found-in a met recently with heavy losses, which life full of useful employment and

### Necessary Girlish Qualities.

Patience and gentleness are necessary qualities in every girl's life. Patience aids in extinguishing envy, overcoming anger, and crushing pride. How much good may be done and father. joy brought by a gentle word or look. Truly "a soft answer turneth away wrath!" Girls are no called upon to do great things, except in rare instances; but the every-day trials of ercise of the Christian graces afford ample scope for practicing that virtue ing expenses to go on as they have. of mankind which has become proverbial-The best exercises of patience and self-denial-and the bethelping hand to those who have done ter because not chosen by ourselves—are those in which we "But how could I, auntie, knowing have to bear with the failings as little about household matters as I of those about us, to endure do?" asked Lucy, a new interest in neglect when we feel we deserved at tention, and ingratitude when we "My dear girl, suppose I teach you expected thanks-to bear with disapbread-a far greater accomplishment interruptions of our retirement, with in my eyes, and in the eyes of most folly, intrusion, or disturbance-in men, than either dancing or piano short, with whatever opposes our will

### Young Kolks' Column.

CASE SETTLEMENT, KINGS Co., N. B.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

The Mystery Solved.

(No. 20.) No. 162.-50=L; add 0, and then =V; to which add the first fourth of each. -Love.

No. 153. -- Summer.

No. 154.—Dahlia.

No. 155.—1. Psalms 117. 2. 6855 times.

3. Ezra 7:21. 4. 181,253.

No. 156.—

No. 157. - Nebuchadnezzar.

No. 158. -

1. Abraham. 2. Absalom. 3. Abednego. 4. Andrew. 5. Asenath. 6. Solomon. 7. Thomas. 8. Nicodemus.

9. Bartholomew. 10. Merodachbaladan

No. 150,bUt caNso polYgon submArine condeNsable

The Mystery.-No. 23.

No. 174. - LADDER PUZZLE. (FROM HELEN R., ST. JOHN.)

Rounds. - A number; to in-\* fuse by drops · a representa-

\* tion; layers; angry; invisi-\* · · · \* ble ; except. Uprights, read downward.

\* . . . \* At the left, not quite plain ; at \* the right, easily fired.

No. 175.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA. (FROM "MARIANNIE," KINGS.)

I am composed of 11 letters. My 7, 2, 8, 4 is a mineral. My 1, 7, 6 is an insect. My 2, 5, 8, 9 is a girl's name. My whole was one of our Saviour's

No. 176. - PI PUZZLE.

(FROM "AUTUMN LEAF," KINGS.)

No. 178. - DROP-VOWEL PUZZLE. (FROM MAUDIE B., KINGS.)

F-r-ll th--pr--ph-ts -nd th-

No. 179. - ANAGRAM. (FROM "MARIANNIE," KINGS). Holbed I meco qklycin sesbled si eh hatt pecketh het gaysins fo het cropyeph fo hist obok.

No. 180. - BIBLE QUERRY. FROM "GREELY," QUEENS.) What verse in the Bible hath affliction" in it twice ?

No. 181. - COMBINATIONS. (FROM "VAN," YORK.) 1. Combine an ancient murder and an adjective, and have the father of

2. Combine one of Noah son's and a conjunction, and have Shechem's

The mystery solved in three weeks.) The Mystic Fountain

We are sorry that our young folks did not put forth a greater effort in the 'Prize Competition." We give the result to-day. As there were only 3 competitors, it did not give us much worry in examining the solutions. The result stood as follows :-

Ida Carson, Pollyhurst, Queens, 13. Alfred G. Machum, Jerusalem, Queens, 11. J. R. Van Wart, L. Pr. William.

The prizes are therefore awarded to the first two mentioned above, and have been forwarded them. They will please acknowledge their receipt. Girls' Prize. - Three packets of flower seeds-Cypress Vine; Phlox and

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