

**The Laugh in School.**

Hold on for a moment, teacher,  
You had better ignore the rule  
Than to punish the little urchin  
Who has just laughed out in school,  
Had he done it out of malice.  
It would be a different thing,  
But he could no more help it  
Than a lark can help to sing.

I know by his clouted jacket,  
And his shoes tied with a cord,  
That a laugh is the only luxury  
Of his childhood he can afford;  
And he hasn't much time left him  
For even that trivial joy;  
For he'll have to earn his living  
While he is yet a boy.

You ask why I defend him?  
Well, the fact is yesterday  
I found a dog-eared primer  
That I used when but a mite,  
And in imagination,  
As I turned its pages o'er,  
I saw some wonderful pictures  
That I never found before.

I saw a certain urchin,  
(Called Clarence by the boys),  
Go toddling into the school room,  
Making his share of noise;  
I saw him during school time  
Playing pranks upon the sly,  
With the rosy little Agnes,  
Till she laughed as she would die.

I think we all are better,  
When we grow up to be men,  
If we have something to make us  
Look backward now and then;  
And, therefore, I insisted  
You had better ignore the rule  
Than punish the little fellow  
Who has just laughed out in school.

—Evening Star.

**Boy Religion.**

Religion in its essential peculiarities  
will always be the same for boys as for  
men, but in peculiarities not essential  
it will show the age of its possessor,  
even as a stream the soil it runs  
through. It is correct then to say that  
there is such a thing as boy religion.

With a boy's religion will be likely  
to go considerable noise and fun. He  
will sail his toy ships with as intense  
interest as a man of fifty his grown-up  
craft. He may play base-ball with as  
much fervor as a philanthropist will  
run a charitable society. He will pop  
off his fire-crackers before daybreak on  
the Fourth, and sound his fish-horn as  
long as the police will let him. Old  
age is not likely to sail toy ships or play  
base-ball, and its answer to the  
seductive notes of a fish-horn may be  
a cotton-stuffed ear; and as for fire-  
crackers, it may like to drown them  
under five miles of Atlantic sea-water.

Be patient with any boy's religion  
accompanied by the crudeness and  
irrepressibility of youth. Religion  
should be natural. Suggest and train,  
but don't make the boy Christian an  
artificial being. It is unwise and  
wrong to force his experiences into  
something beyond his years; and, alas!  
if you try to make an old man of him.  
When a youth begins to smother his  
enthusiasm, and cultivate the manners  
of mid-century, he is in training either  
for a hypocrite, or a namby-pamby  
saint, and we don't know which is  
worse. —S. S. Journal.

**A Word to the Boys.**

We don't know of any one thing  
more than another which is more es-  
sential for a young man or boy to learn  
than the art of politeness—the thou-  
sand and one little courtesies which go  
toward making up the sum of human  
happiness. If we were to speak of any  
but the most important, we might fill  
a small book. The most important are  
generally considered to be those which  
extend throughout our surroundings  
in every-day life. We measure our  
acquaintances somewhat by their at-  
tention to these things. A well-bred  
child will notice many little defi-  
ciencies in breeding, where one that had  
been carelessly instructed will see  
nothing unusual. We cannot be too  
careful of our attention to these  
matters. A boy in the street, accom-  
panied by lifting the hat—what is it?  
A simple mark of respect to a lady.  
Yet how very ungallant and rude a  
man or boy would be deemed if he  
passed his friends with a nod. I knew  
one young boy who even lifted his hat  
to his boyish friends. That was ten  
years ago. Do you think that he, as a  
rising young lawyer ever regretted so  
doing? That he enjoyed his play less?  
No, indeed. We are not so foolish  
as to think that. It is simply that the  
majority who do not attend to these  
things do it from carelessness. They  
are by no means necessarily ill-bred.  
They know what is right, but fail to  
do it.

Take another of these self-same  
courtesies. Introductions. Just watch  
for some time, all the introductions  
that come under your notice. How  
many people do it in an easy way?  
Take our own experience. Have you  
ever failed to catch the name of the  
party introduced? The object in in-  
troducing one person to another is to  
make two people acquainted who were

previously strangers. If the name of  
either person is unfamiliar to the  
other, there is a double reason why  
they should be made distinct. Yet in  
all the introductions through which I  
have been, in more than two-thirds of  
the cases it is well nigh impossible to  
catch the name. The trouble lies  
mainly in the great hurry people seem  
to be in when they introduce one per-  
son to another. It is a point well  
worth our attention.

Many young people have an errone-  
ous idea that politeness borders on  
affectation, or is effeminate. It is  
gratifying to know that they are able  
to see their mistake later in life, when  
they mingle with the world. We do  
not often hear the term now, "A  
gentleman of the olden school."

Let us see what they were. Careful  
of other people's feelings; ready to  
assist the weak; courteous to all; at-  
tentive to the wants of others—gentle-  
men in the highest, truest sense of the  
word. Is it then so nearly a forgotten  
accomplishment that persons possess-  
ing the traits are denominated "gentle-  
men of the olden school?" Has our  
modern school of politeness left out  
these particular branches for learning?  
For we have polite men and women,  
boys and girls, out does their polite-  
ness spring from the heart? Above  
all, does the home find them as atten-  
tive to the wants of those around them  
as when they are abroad? —Anon.

**The Little Sailor Boy.**

"He is the dearest little chap I've  
ever seen," said Mrs. Ray, who kept  
the sailors' boarding-house. "As  
quiet and mannerly as a grown man,  
while most of the other boys keep up  
such a fussing that I'm clean worn  
out."

Jack, the little sailor, had been stay-  
ing for a short time at her house before  
sailing on his second long voyage.  
"I'll pack your box for you, my  
boy," said the kind-hearted woman,  
when he was going. "I'd like to help  
such a well-behaved boy as you."

"Ah," she said, as she lifted the  
cover of the trunk, "is this yours?"  
She held a Bible up in her hand.  
"Yes, ma'am," said Jack. "My  
mother gave it to me, and I promised  
to read it. She said it would always  
tell me the right thing to do."

"H'm," said Mrs. Ray, "was it  
this that taught you to bear it, when  
Jim Pond abused you, and tried to  
quarrel with you?"  
"Yes, ma'am, it tells me that a soft  
answer turns away wrath."

Mrs. Ray silently went on with her  
packing. She had thought little of  
the Bible, and knew as little of what  
its pages contained. But the thought-  
ful face, good manners and kindly dis-  
position of the little sailor had drawn  
her attention.

"If it's the book makes him so dif-  
ferent from the others, it must be a  
book worth looking into," she said to  
herself.

"Keep it up, Jack," she said, as  
she wished him good-by; "and I'm  
going to try it myself. If it's good for  
boys it must be good for older folks,  
too."

Jack had never thought of being an  
example; but he surely must have felt  
glad and thankful in having led any  
one to read the pages which point the  
way to eternal life.

**Doing Things Well.**

"There!" said Harry, throwing  
down the shoe brush. "That'll do. My  
shoes don't look very bright, but no  
matter. Who cares?"

"Whatever is worth while doing at  
all is worth doing well," said his father,  
who had heard the boy's careless  
speech.

Harry blushed while his father con-  
tinued:  
"My boy, your shoes look wretch-  
edly. Pick up the brush and make  
them shine; when you have finished  
come into the house."

As soon as Harry appeared with his  
well-polished shoes his father said:  
"I have a little story to tell you. I  
once knew a poor boy whose mother  
taught him the proverb which I re-  
peated to you a few minutes ago. This  
boy went out to service in a gentleman's  
family and he took pains to do every-  
thing well, no matter how unimport-  
ant it seemed. His employer was  
pleased and took him into his shop.  
He did his work well there, and when  
sent on errands he went quickly and  
was soon back in his place. So he  
advanced from step to step until he be-  
came clerk, and then a partner in the  
business. He is now a rich man and  
anxious that his son Harry should  
practice the rule which make him  
prosper."

"Why, papa were you a poor boy  
once?" asked Harry.

"Yes, my son, so poor that I had to  
go out to service and black boots and  
wait at table and do any service that  
was required of me. By doing little  
things well I was soon trusted with  
more important ones." —Young Reader.

**To Boys Commencing Business.**

Be on hand promptly in the morn-  
ing at your place of business, and make  
it a point never to be late, and per-  
form cheerfully every duty. Be re-  
spectful to your employers, and to all  
in authority over you, and be polite to  
every one; politeness costs nothing,  
and it will help you wonderfully in  
getting on in the world. And above  
all, be honest and truthful. The boy  
who starts in life with a sound mind in  
a sound body, who falls into no bad  
habits, who is honest, truthful and in-  
dustrious, who remembers with grate-  
ful love his father and mother, and  
who does not grow away from his  
church and Sunday-school, has quali-  
ties of mind and heart that will insure  
him success to a remarkable degree,  
even though he is endowed with only  
ordinary mental capacity; for honor,  
truth and industry are more than  
genius.

Don't be foppish in your dress, and  
don't buy anything before you have the  
money to pay for it. Shun billiard  
saloons, and be careful how you spend  
the evenings. Cultivate a taste for  
reading, and read only good books.  
With a love for reading, you will find  
in books, friends ever true, and full of  
cheer in time of gloom, and sweet  
companionship for lonely hours. Other  
friends may grow cold and forsake you,  
but books are always the same. And  
in closing, boys, I would say again,  
that with truth, honesty and industry,  
and a living faith in God you will  
succeed.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;  
Act well your part; there all your honor  
lies."

**Smoking Among The Boys.**

It would be well if some absolute  
standard existed as regards perfectly  
temperate habits among boys. The  
United States Navy is especially ex-  
acting in its requirements of young  
candidates. It takes annually into its  
service a large number of apprentice  
boys, who are sent all over the world  
and taught to be thorough sailors. The  
Government aims at developing them  
in all possible directions, believing  
that the more intelligent a man be-  
comes, the better sailor will he be.

There is no lack of candidates for  
these positions. Hundreds of boys  
apply, but many are rejected because  
they cannot pass the physical examina-  
tion. Major Houston of the Marine  
Corps, who is in charge of the Wash-  
ington Navy Yard Barracks, is author-  
ity for the statement that one-fifth of  
all the boys examined are rejected on  
accounts of heart disease.

His first question to a boy who de-  
sires to enlist is, "Do you smoke?"  
The surgeons say that cigarette  
smoking by boys produces heart dis-  
ease, and that, in ninety-nine cases  
out of a hundred, the rejection of  
would-be apprentices on account of this  
defect, comes from excessive use of the  
milder form of the weed. —Selected.

**Young Folks' Column.**

Conducted by C. E. BLACK.  
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**PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.**

**The Mystery Solved.**

(No. 30.)  
No. 216.—J I N G L E S  
T A L O N  
B U T  
E

No. 217.—A Stenographer. [The  
answer was found in the words printed  
in SMALL CAPITALS.—ED. Y. F. C.]

No. 218.—Guzzle, muzzle, mizzle,  
puzzle.

No. 219.—N O U N  
O K R A  
U R I M  
N A M E

**The Mystery—No. 33.**

No. 230.—Pi PUZZLE.

(BY HATTIE E. WANNAMAKE, APOHAQUI.)  
Etlen kas hrgouth sjues' ritem,  
Cerao ot dopuar la yun nis;  
Eltien esek het ohyl rityl  
Ot erwen had amek en lecan.

No. 231.—LOGOGRAPH.  
(BY "VAN," YORK.)

I am a grandson of Noah. Change  
my head, and I am an ancient poet.  
Behold me and I am a Biblical mea-  
sure. Delete my second letter and I  
am above. Behold again and I am a  
son of Jonah.

No. 232.—BLANKS.

(BY EMMA L., EAST PUNICO, N. S.)  
[Fill the blanks with words pro-  
nounced alike, but different in spelling  
and meaning.—E. L.]

1. I saw — walking with a —  
2. — for the little — will bite  
3. The artist can — a picture like  
the — yonder.  
4. The bat — up the chimney —

**No. 233.—WORD-SQUARE.**

(BY G. N. BREWER, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.)  
To tarry; a land measure; a mineral;  
used for camping.

**No. 234.—PRIZE HALF-SQUARE.**

(BY "GREELY," JOHNSTON.)  
A body of water; a mountain; a  
rule; a mineral; to clean; a part of  
speech; a letter.

(The mystery solved in three weeks.)

**QUESTION DEPARTMENT.**

1. Could you tell me why the word  
hip is added to our famous English  
hurrah?  
2. Why do we use the word dan to  
express debt-collecting?

INQUIRER.

Ans. 1. When Peter the Hermit  
preached the crusades, he used to do  
so under a banner, on which were the  
letters H. E. P., standing for the  
Latin words "Hierosolyma Est Perdita,"  
Jerusalem is destroyed. Those who  
did not understand the meaning of  
these initials used to pronounce the  
inscription as if it were the one word  
—Hep; and this word being added to  
the wild shout, hurrah! was used as a  
kind of battle-cry against Jews and in-  
fidels.

2. Because in the days of Henry  
VIII. there lived in Lincoln a famous  
bailiff named John Dun, so active,  
cunning, and successful in his business,  
that the saying, when a debtor refused  
to pay, "Why don't you dun him?"  
became a proverb, which exists to this  
day, although very few people know  
anything about its origin; and some  
curious philosophers have traced it to a  
very different source.

**Our Mystic Corps.**

HATTIE E. WANNAMAKE, APOHAQUI,  
Kings, sends us 10 excellent puzzles,  
but too late for Prize Competition.  
Had they not been too late, the prize  
would not have been awarded to  
"Greely," as it now has been. Thank  
you for your puzzles. We hope you  
will not become disheartened, but will  
try again.

**RANDOM READINGS.**

Shine like the sun in every corner.  
The whole cross is more easily  
carried than the half. —Drummond.  
The experience of Christians is a  
great lever to move the non-believers  
heavenward.

Habit, like the ivy of our walls, ce-  
ments and consolidates that which it  
cannot destroy.

Prayer is the outlet of the saints'  
sorrow, and the inlet of their supports  
and comforts. —Flavel.

Boy—Ain't it time to eat the good  
things? Mother—Certainly not. You  
must wait until your friends come.  
Boy—I guess they won't come, 'cause  
I didn't invite them. I thought I'd  
rather have it entirely exclusive.

A Kansas man "points with pride"  
to the fact that his wife has worn one  
bonnet for twenty-five years. The  
feeling with which the wife points to  
the husband has not been described.

Little Girl Studying Sunday-school  
Lesson (third chapter of St. Matthew).  
—Uncle Henry, what did John wear  
a leathern griddle for?

Uncle Henry—A leather griddle!  
Why, what do you mean?  
Little Girl—Why, it says here,  
"And the same John had his raiment  
of camel's hair and a leathern griddle  
about his loins—and his meal was  
locusts and wild honey"—Oh! I see!  
—to cook his locusts on.

And away she fled to Sunday-school.

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my health was completely restored. —  
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