The Laugh In School.

Hold on fer 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 Whi e he is yet a boy.

You ask why I defend him? Well, the fact is yesternight 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.

1 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 ignor the rule Than punish the little fellow Who has just laughed out in school.

Boy Religion.

-Evening Star.

Religion in its essential peculiarities will always be the same for boys as for men, but in peculiarities not essential 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 the Fourth, and sound his fish-horn as | tell me the right thing to do." long as the police will let him. Old seductive notes of a fish-horn may be a cotton-stuffed ear; and as for firecrackers, 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 the Bible, and knew as little of what irrepressibility of youth. Religion its pages contained. But the thoughtshould be natural. Suggest and train, ful face, good manners and kindly disbut don't make the boy Christian an position of the little sailor had drawn artificial being. It is unwise and wrong to force his experiences into something beyond his years; and, alas! When a youth begins to smother his herself. enthusiasm, and cultivate the manners worse .- S. S. Journal.

A Word to the Boys.

We don't know of any one thing more than another which is more essential for a young man or boy to learn than the art of politeness-the thousand 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 all is worth doing well," said his father, in every-day life. We measure our acquaintances somewhat by their attention to these things. A well-bred child will notice many little deficiencies 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 bow in the street, accompanied by lifting the hat-what is it? A simple mark of respect to a lady. Yet how very ungallant and rude a once knew a poor boy whose mother man or boy would be deemed if he taught him the proverb which I repassed his friends with a nod. I knew peated to you a few minutes ago. This one young boy who even lifted his hat boy went out to service in a gentleman's to his boyish friends. That was ten family and he took pains to do everyyears ago. Do you think that he, as a thing well, no matter how unimportrising young lawyer ever regretted so ant it seemed. His employer was doing? That he enjoyed his play less? pleased and took him into his shop.

courtesies. Introductions. Just watch prosper.' for some time, all the introductions that come under your notice. How once?" asked Harry, many people do it in an easy way? Take our own experience. Have you go out to service and black boots and 1. I saw — walking with a —. ever failed to catch the name of the wait at table and do any service that | 2. - ! for the little - will bite party introduced? The object in in- was required of me. By doing little troducing one person to another is to things well I was soon trusted with the --- yonder. make two people acquainted who were more important ones."-Young Reaper. 4. The bat -up the chimney-

previously strangers. If the name of either person is unfamiliar to the other, there is a double reason why they should be make 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 person to another. It is a point well

worth our attention. Many young people have an erroneous 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-gentlemen in the highest, truest sense of the word. Is it then so nearly a forgotten accomplishment that persons possessing the traits are denominated "gentlemen 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 politeness spring from the heart? Above all, does the home find them as attentive to the wants of those around them as when they are abroad?—Anon.

----The Little Sailor Boy.

"He is the decentest 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

Jack, the little sailor, had been stayit will show the age of its possessor, | 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 off his fire-crackers before daybreak on to read it. She said it would always

age is not likely to sail toy ships or play this that taught you to bear it, when base-ball, and its answer to the Jim Pond abused you, and tried to quarrel with you?"

> "Yes, ma'am, it tells me that a soft answer turn's away wrath."

> packing. She had thought little of

"If it's the book makes him so different from the others, it must be a if you try to make an old man of him. book worth looking into," she said to

"Keep it up, Jack," she said, as of mid-century, he is in training either she wished him good-by; "and I'm for a hypocrite, or a namby-pamby going to try it myself. If it's good for saint, and we don't know which is boys it must be good for older folks,

> 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

who had heard the boy's careless

Harry blushed while his father con-

"My boy, your shoes look wretchedly. 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 No, indeed. We are not so foolish He did his work well there, and when as to think that. It is simply that the sent on errands he went quickly and majority, who do not attend to these was soon back in his place. So he things do it from carelessness. They advanced from step to step until he beare by no means necessarily ill-bred. came clerk, and then a partner in the am above. Behead again and I am a They know what is right, but fail to business. He is now a rich man and sen of Jonah. anxious that his son Harry should Take another of these self-same practice the rule which make him

"Why, papa were you a poor boy

"Yes, my son, so poor that I had to and meaning. - E. L.

To Boys Commencing Business.

Be on hand promptly in the morning at your place of business, and make it a point never to be late, and perform cheerfully every duty. Be respectful to your employers, and to all in authority over you, and be polite to every one; politness 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 industrious, who remembers with grateful love his father and mother, and who does not grow away from his church and Sunday-school, has qualitie; 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

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

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

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 exacting 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 becomes, the better sailor will he be.

There is no lack of candidates for these positions. Hundreds of boys "H'm," said Mrs. Ray, "was it apply, but many are rejected because they cannot pass the physical examination. Major Houston of the Marine Corps, who is in charge of the Washington Navy Yard Barracks, is authority for the statement that one-fifth of Mrs. Ray silently went on with her all the boys examined are rejected on accounts of heart disease.

His first question to a boy who desires to enlist is, "Do you smoke?"

smoking by boys produces heart disease, and that, in ninety-nine cases would-be apprentices on account of this defect, comes from excessive use of the milder form of the weed. - Selected.

Houng folks' Column.

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PUZZLE DEPARTMENT

The Mystery Solved.

(No. 30.)

No. 216.-- J I N G L E S TALON BUT

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

No. 218.—Guzzle, muzzle, mizzle,

No. 219 .- N O U N OKRA URIM NAME The Mystery .- No. 33.

No. 230.—PI PUZZLE. (BY HATTIE E. WANNAMAKE, APOHAQUI.) Etlem kas hrgouth sjues' ritem, Cerag ot doupar lal ym nis;

No. 231.—Logogriph.

Elt em esek het ohyl iritps

Ot erwen nad amek em lcean.

(BY "VAN," YORK). I am a grandson of Noah. Change my head, and I am an ancient poet. Behead me and I am a Biblical measure. Delete my second letter and I

No. 232.—Blanks.

(BY EMMA L., EAST PUBNICO, N. S.) [Fill the blanks with words pronounced alike, but different in spelling

3. The artist can — a picture like

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 dun 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-

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.

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----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

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

Prayer is the outlet of the saints The surgeons say that cigarette sorrow, and the inlet of their supports and comforts. - Flavel.

Boy-Ain't it time to eat the good out of a hundred, the rejection of 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.

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