Our Heroes.

Here's a hand to the boy who has courage To do what he knows to be right; When he falls in the way of temptation He has a hard battle to fight. Who strives against self and his comrades Will find a most powerful foe; All honor to him if he conquers,

A cheer for the boy who says, "No!" There's many a battle fought daily The world knows nothing about; There's many a brave little soldier Whose strength puts a legion to rout, And he who fights sin single-handed

Is more of a hero, I say, Then he who leads soldiers to battle, And conquers by arms in the fray.

Stand firm by the colors of manhood, And you will o'ercome in the fight. "The Right" be your battle-cry ever In waging the warfare of life; And God, who knows who are the heroes, Will give you the strength for the strife.

-Exchange.

And do what you know to be right;

BEAUTIFUL HANDS.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Kathleen Gray as she dropped her book. "I wish I were like other girls,"

"What a dismal sigh, little daughter," said mother's cheery voice. you were like, and in what way?"

"Why, the girls you read about, mother—their hands. They always have such beautiful hands, you know. Now here's the girl in this book; it calls her hands 'tiny,' or 'white,' or 'dimpled,' or 'dainty,' or some such thing every time it speaks of them. And didn't I read in one of your housekeeping papers how a lady's hand should be fair and pink-tipped and have oval nails with white half moons at their base, and all that? And just look at my great paws." the offending members.

"Bring the 'great paws' here and let me see them, Kathie," said her

Kathie threw herself on the floor her hands for inspection.

Her mother studied them. "Well, she said at last, "what is the matter with those hands, dear? I call them beautiful hands.'

"Why-Mother-Gray!" Kathie fairly gasped in astonishment. "Beautiful! Why, just look at them." "I am looking," said her mother. "What is wrong about them?"

"Why, they are big and brown and scratched, and here's a burn, and there's a cut, and there are needlepricks, and the nails have no halfmoons, and, vhy, mother, how can you say they are beautiful?"

are large and yet shapely, which have their work to do. ous-sized hands and feet. Just try and his mother was distressed. to imagine the Venus de Millo with 'tiny 'hands!"

Kathie began to look a little com-

she said.

"I do see, with great pleasure," dark. said her mother. "That brown comes from the kiss of the sun, and the in the morning," was the doctor's is not comfortable. Study the comcaress of the wind. It tells of out prescription. door life, of botanizing expeditions, of nutting and fishing excursions, of got well. Putting it off made his comfortable lairs are essential. it is beautiful. The hands are clean it now," relieved him. and neatly kept, Kathleen, and that is all that any sensible person should ask from a girl of your age. On you, black; in others they must be trim- The owner of the saloon swore at me better market prospects. med to a sharp point. Is that, then, and said, 'Give the fellow his drink;

beauty?" "Well, but see all these scars and forty."

things," persisted Kathleen. said her mother, drawing the hands eye. I could not do it. I said 'Boy, fondly to her lips. "I know that that accursed stuff has ruined me. It and skins; stew until skins are soft, a letter. those needle-pricks were put there has destroyed my health, my honor, strain out the liquor, add a half pint last night, when you hemmed the eaten up my little property, broken of sugar to one pint of juice, let it sails for Jack's new boat, though you my sister's heart, disgraced my dead boil and skim off the scum that did want to finish that splendid book. mother. It will sink your soul to hell. That burn is the reminder of the night | Never touch a drop of it, so help you when Nora had her bad headache, God. black-berries, and how a dear girl two dollars that were due me, and the spent all her half holiday in picking boy and I went out together.

The Bank

them for me? And this cut I think came because your skill was not quite equal to your good will, when you helped little Harold transform his shingle into a big ship. You have beautiful, helpful hands, dear daughter, and I thank God for it."

Kathie looked at her hands soberly and humbly, but with a happy light in her eyes.

"You've got tip-top hands, Kate and you needn't run 'em down,' broke in Jack, who had come in unnoticed. "I always say that, for a girl, commend me to you, because you aren't always afraid of spoiling your hands, like some girls that won't go anywhere or do anything." Be steadfast, my boy, when you're tempted

That night Kathie found pinned on to her cushion a slip from a newspaper. "Just like mother." she smiled. "She always finds something to fit in." And this is what mother had found, in a very old paper, to "fit in":-

"I saw a pair of hands, -beautiful hands, the world called them. Small and shapely and fair, with nestling dimples and taper fingers. Hands too delicate to bear any burden heavier than flashing jewels. 'Beautiful hands' whispered gentlemen, as they bent over them in courtly gallantry. 'Beautiful hands,' pouted ladies, as "And what other girls do you wish they envied their possessor. But they were hands that were never lifted to help bear another's load; that were never raised to wipe away the mourner's tear: that were unroughened by any work performed for others; that were never folded together in prayer; that daintily held the dress aside, lest it touch a beggar in the street. Beautiful hands, the world called them. God and the angels called them ugly.

"I saw another pair of hands,ugly hands the world called them. Not small nor comely nor white, And she cast a look of contempt at and wearing no jewels but tears from grateful hearts whose loads they had lightened. Hands the possessor of which none would envy; over which no one would bend, calling them beautiful. But they were hands at her mother's feet, and spread out often folded in humble devotion; hands which had carried blessings to many a home; which hath smoothed many a dying pillow, and wiped away many a fallen tear; which were never lifted to push away the children or brush away the poor; which were weary, misshapen, and hard with hands the world called them. God and the angels called them beautiful." -Lucy White Palmer, in Christian

DO IT NOW.

This is for you, boys and girls. It is a bad habit, of putting off. If "Beauty is in the eye of the be- you have something that you are to holder, and in my eyes they are beau- do, do it now; then it will be done. tiful, daughter. Let us examine That is one advantage. If you put them critically. 'Big,' you say. it off, very likely you will forget it Yes, I am very glad to see that my and not do it at all; or else-what little girl is framed to grow into a for you is almost as bad-you will not woman of large and noble proportions, forget, but keep thinking of it and and that her hands go symmetrically drealing it, and so, as it were, be with such a body. What does a doing it all the time. "The valiant York; one barrel of flour, 196 pounds; " large woman want of 'tiny' hands, never taste death but once;" never pork and beef, 200 pounds. Kathie? Far better these, which but once do the alert and active have

the clothing of the truly gracious so in health that his mother thought woman is strength as well as honor. she must have the doctor to see him. So much for usefulness, which is true The doctor could find nothing the beauty. And you have art in your matter with him. But there the fact favor too. The beautiful ideals which was; he was pining away, losing his the Greeks have given us have gener- appetite, creeping about languidly,

The doctor was nonplussed: "What does your son do? Has he any work?" "No; he has only to bring a pail

of water every day from the spring, "But see how brown they are," but that he dreads all day long, and does not bring it until just before

the wise garnering of health. To me task prey on the boy's mind. "Do Horses need fresh air, without

Boys and girls, "do it now." What a Bartender Said.

place, and 'half-moons' are an non- liquor. I remembered what I had been ruminating animals. Warmth is essensical and arbitrary demand of at sixteen, and how liquor had been pecially important for all kinds of person. fashion. In some countries, fashion my ruin, and I said, 'Out of this! stock which have been fed for slaught decrees that the nails shall be dyed We're not allowed to sell to minors.' er, and which are being held for

his money is as good as if he was

I poured it out mechanically, but as "Beauty spots in my eyes, dear," I handed it over, I caught the boy's

and my helpful daughter got the sup- With that the boss flew at me with per. These scratches—do I not re- a great oath, and ordered me to loave; member how I longed for some wild so I picked up my portmanteau and

Not so Fast.

"O, mamma, I heard such a tale about Edith. I did not think she could be so naughty." "My dear, before you tell it, let the story pass the three sieves?"

"In the first place, is your story true?" I got it from Miss White. She is a friend of Edith's." "Does she show her friendship by telling tales of

"Next, though true, is it kind?" "I did not mean to be unkind, but I am afraid it was. I would not like Edith to speak of me as I have of her." "And is it necessary?" "No, there

was no need of me to mention it." As we put flour in sieves to get the good apart from the bad, se let us ask, when we are going to say something about others, "Is it true?" "Is it necessary?"

TWO KINDS OF GIRLS,

There are two kinds of girls. One is the kind that appears well abroadthe girls that are good for parties, rides, visits, balls, etc., and whose chief delight is in all such things; the other is a kind which appears best at home-the girls that are useful and cheerful in the dining-room, the sickroom and all the precincts of home. They differ widely in character. One is frequently a torment at home; the other is a blessing. One is a moth, consuming everything about her; the other is a sunbeam, inspiring life and gladness all along her pathway. Which will you strive to be?

THE BEST FRIENDS.

"I wish I had some good friends to help me on in life!" said lazy Dennis. "Good friends? Why, you have ten," replied his master. "I'm sure I haven't half so many; and those I have are too poor to help me. "Count your fingers, my boy," said his master. "I have; there are ten," said the lad. "Then never say you have not ten good friends able to help you on in life. Try what those ten friends can do before you go to grumbling and fretting because you do not get help from others."

Farm Hints.

An experienced poultry raiser advises to reduce the stock of fowls as soon as the year's hatch is well protoiling and doing for others. Ugly vided for, but hold on to old turkeys and old geese; they get used to the ways of the farm, are worth much more as breeders than young ones. Ducks also are good until three years old. A turkey is in her prime at five, a goose at twenty years of age.

WEIGHTS OF BUSHELS OF VARIOUS ARTICLES .- Wheat, beans, potatoes, * clover seed, 60 pounds; corn, rye, flax- | * seed, onions, 56; corn on cob, 70; buckwheat, 52; barley, 48; hemp seed, 44; timothy seed, 45; castor | * beans, 46; oats, 35; bran, 20; blue | * grass seed, 14. A barrel of potatoes contains 21 bushels as sold in New

LIVE CATTLE. - Measure in inches power in them, and remind one that I once read of a boy who drooped girth around breast just behind from tail to fore part of shoulder blade. Multiply girth by length and divide by 144. If girth is less than three feet, multiply quotient by 11: if between three and five by I6: between five and seven, by 23; between seven and nine, by 31. If ani mal is lean, deduct one-twentieth from results; or, take girth and length in feet, multiply square of girth by length, and multiply product by 3.36. Live weight multiplied by 605 gives net weight-nearly.

LIVE STOCK IN WINTER,- No "Have him bring it the first thing animal does as well as it should that fort of live stock. Regular feeding, The mother tried it, and the boy wholesome feed, pure water, and draughts, and light. These are less important for neat stock. Sheep require fresh air, but light is less im- My 4, 2, 3 is an uproar. white hands would look sadly out of One day a lad of sixteen came in for the quiet and rapid fattening of

RICH APPLESAUCE. - Pare, quarter and core some tart apples; stew in enough water to cover. Do not let get too soft, skim out carefully. Put into the liquor the cores, seeds rises, then put back the apples, let boil up a minute, remove apples carefully to dish. When syrup is cool pour over the apples; if flavourmed, before the apples are put in. welcome.

Moung folks' Column.

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PUZZLE DEPARTMENT. The Mystery Solved.

(No. 5). No. 34.—Isaiah 54:14.

No. 35.-1. Samuel. 2. Micah. 3. Adam. H No. 36.--HOR

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RED

No. 37.—Pyramids of Egypt.

No. 38.- G L E N LOVE EVIL NELL

No. 39.—Proverbs 8:17.

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No. 41.-

"To do to others as I would That they should do to me, Will make me honest kind and good, As children ought to be.

---The Mystery .-- No. 8.

No. 60.—BIBLE QUERY. What king against the tribes of Israel fought,

Because a passage through his land they sought? "FLORENCE."

Lakeview, Queens.

No. 61.—DIAMOND. A letter. An article. A number. In the earth.

Grand Har., Grand Manan.

No. 62.—Numerical Enigma. My whole, composed of 16 letters, names a place where an Israelitish king went to war against the Philistines. My 1, 5, 11, 8 a son of Noah; my

EDGAR DRAKE.

9, 7, 14, 1 a Biblical Book; my 5, 6, 8, 7, 15, 16 is found in the Bible; my 12, 3, 11, 6 is a girl's name; and my 1, 10, 13, 2 is to make a commotion.

W. S. LEWIN.

No. 63.—STEP LADDER PUZZLE.

1st Round-A bird. and Round.—To excel. 3rd Round .-- An appeal. 4th Round. -At rest.

5th Round, -In Asia.

Right hand upright. - A king of Judah. To DETERMINE THE WEIGHT OF Left hand upright. - Where Abraham

HELEN R.

St. John.

No. 64.—Anagram. Khitn ont sabuece hte yeesi gitrbh Dan misels rea aginlghu eehrt, Het erhta atht tseba iinthw eehrt, Nad eref mfor napi nda race. A whlsb yma ginte teh sadetkr ducol Ree sdya selc amsbe taperd, Dna neduhatner eth sernmsm slime,

Aym rlku het dadsseeharet. L. R. STEEVES.

No. 65. -ANAGRAM. (One word.) A RAG MAN.

No. 66.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of 13 letters. My 5, 11, 9, 12, 13 is old. My 10, 12, 6, 1 is not fast. portant, and darkness is favorable for My 8, 7, 9, 4, 12, 13 is found in many

My whole is the residence of a noted "MAYFLOWER."

Barrington, N. S. No. 67.—Rhombus. O O O O Across. - A man's name.

0 0 0 0 A stud. OOOO Armour. OOOO Large lakes. Down-A consonate; a proposition of a hog; silly; fiction; a note in music HELEN R.

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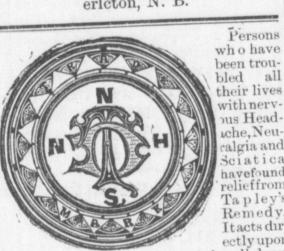
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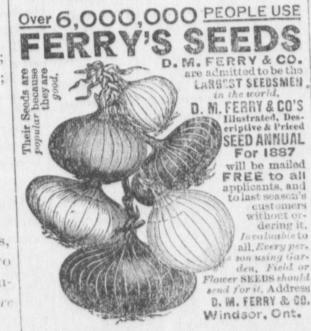
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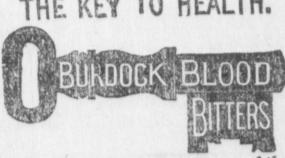
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