

APRIL 13, 1887.

**"I Meant To."**

"I did not rise at the breakfast bell,  
But was so sleepy—I can't tell—  
I meant to.

"The wood's not carried in I know;  
But there's the school bell, I must go.  
I meant to.

"My lessons I forgot to write,  
But nuts and apples were so nice.  
I meant to.

"I forgot to walk on tip toe;  
Oh, how the baby cries, oh! oh!  
I meant to.

"Then I forgot to shut the gate,  
And put away my book and slate.  
I meant to.

"The cattle trampled down the corn,  
My slate is broken, book is torn.  
I meant to.

Thus draws poor little Jimmy Hite,  
From morn till noon, from noon till night;  
"I meant to."

And when he comes to be a man  
He'll heedlessly mar every plan  
With that poor plea, "I meant to."

**From Two Points of View.**

"Run out on the walk, and see if  
your papa is anywhere in sight," said  
Mrs. Graves to her little son. The  
child obeyed, and presently returned,  
saying, "Papa has just come around  
the corner; I am going to meet him."  
And away he ran, while Mrs. Graves  
went to put the oysters to stew.

The cat and dog, who had been  
reared together and were great chums,  
lay on the wolf-robe before the fire-  
place.

"How I do pity those poor crea-  
tures!" sighed the dog as he stretched  
himself and yawned.

"Who?" said the cat as she licked  
her left paw and rubbed her cheek  
with it.

"Human beings, to be sure,"  
answered the dog.

"Why, indeed?" echoed the dog;  
"reasons enough, to be sure. Just  
think how terrible it must be to depend  
upon your eyes almost entirely for  
everything you know. Fully a minute  
(or at least fifty five seconds) before  
our mistress asked about our master, I  
had scented his approach. I knew he  
was nearing home. Yet she and our  
little playfellow Willie were obliged to  
see him on the street before they knew  
he was coming. I don't believe they  
have any sense of smell at all."

"I am sure they have big enough  
noses," said the cat, rubbing her paw  
over her little pink pug.

"Then too," continued the dog,  
"even when I have a bad cold, and my  
keen scent is impaired, I can always  
hear his approach long before she does.  
Why, the house would have been robbed  
the other night if I had been a poor  
human being instead of a fortune-  
nate brute."

"And how was that?" asked the cat.

"Oh! it was time-master was expect-  
ed home on the midnight train. I was  
lying at the foot of the bed when I  
heard a sound below. I barked.  
'Keep quiet! it is only your master,'  
said my mistress quite sharply; but I  
barked again, and ran out in the hall.  
I knew very well it was not my master  
below; my ear and my nose both told  
me a stranger was in the house. And  
sure enough, as I went down the stairs  
a man ran out of the front door which  
had been opened by removing the lock.  
Why, if I were a human being, I should  
never dare to sleep a wink! They are  
the most defenceless creatures in the  
world. I pity them."

Later in the evening a friend drop-  
ped in to call upon Mr. Graves.

"What intelligent eyes this animal  
has!" the gentleman remarked as the  
dog sat before him looking into his  
face.

"Yes; he seems almost human  
sometimes," Mr. Graves replied; "it  
is a great misfortune such animals are  
denied the privilege of speech. I pity  
them often."

"Humph!" said the dog as he  
walked away in disgust to where the  
cat was sitting. "Almost human in-  
deed! I wonder who needs [the most  
pity!"]

"It all depends on the point of  
view," said the cat. "Actually, a  
dog told me one day he pitied me for  
being a cat; the idea!"—*Ellis Wheeler  
Wilcox, in Wide-Awake.*

**The Monkeys and the Tobacco.—A Word to Boys.**

Some manufacturer has hit upon a  
very ingenious and suggestive device  
for advertising his brand of tobacco. A  
large plug is the bone of contention be-  
tween some fearful human looking  
monkeys, halfpulling with head and  
tail one way, and half the other,  
trying to get possession of the superior  
article. The thing that pleases a decent  
man about the picture is that this is  
much better than human nudity. Also  
it would seem to be a prophecy that  
the time is coming, yea now is, when  
the use of tobacco shall be up to apes.  
Now boys, this word is for you. If it  
ere not for aping, little of this filthy,

poisonous thing would get into the  
mouth of boys. It is because the boy  
apes the man, that he learns to chew  
and smoke. It is not because he likes  
the taste or sickening effect at first—  
but then it is so nice to spit and puff  
and pose like a man. And the boy  
notices every thing especially apish  
about the business, and comes up to  
copy with wonderful accuracy. But  
he fails to take in the idea of true man-  
hood. He imitates the very things  
that good sense abhors and takes to  
the filthy habits with a grace worthy  
of a better cause.

The manufacturer that made the  
picture feels in his own heart that the  
sale of his product depends largely on  
the apishness of his customers. Hence  
the significant device. Boys, let us  
take the hint in time. If the greedy  
dealer in the vile weed takes us for  
apes let us give him an idea to think  
of. Your tobacco may furnish a very  
fit exercise for monkeys, but not for  
men. We do not propose to become  
companions of baboons; nor do we be-  
lieve with Darwin, that they were our  
remote ancestors, though we must  
admit that chewing and smoking are  
very monkeyish tricks, and might lead an  
unwary philosopher to conclude that  
they are our poor relations.

Let tobacco users and dealers count  
kin as they will. They know best  
their own tastes and aspirations; we  
prefer something more elevating and  
human.—*Chris. Statesman.*

**TOO SMART.**

We do not like boys who think them-  
selves smart, and want other people to  
think so. A smart boy of this kind  
was once employed in the office of the  
treasurer of a Western railway. He  
was usually left alone in the office be-  
tween the hours of eight and nine in  
the morning, and it was his duty to  
answer the questions of all callers as  
politely as possible. One morning a  
plainly-dressed old gentleman walked  
quietly in and asked for the cashier.

"He's out," said the boy without  
looking up from the paper he was read-  
ing.

"Do you know where he is?"

"No."

"When will he be in?"

"'Bout nine o'clock."

"It's nearly nine now, isn't it?"

"There's the clock," said the boy,  
smartly, pointing to the clock on the  
wall.

"Oh, yes, thank you," said the gentle-  
man. "Ten minutes before nine.  
May I wait here for him?"

"I s'pose you may, though this isn't  
a hotel for the public."

The boy thought this was smart, and  
he chuckled aloud over it. He did not  
offer the old gentleman a chair.

"I would like to write a note while I  
wait," said the caller. "Will you please  
get me a piece of paper and an enve-  
lope?"

The boy did so, and as he handed  
them to the old gentleman he said:

"Anything else?"

"Yes; I should like to know the  
name of such a smart boy as you are."

The boy felt flattered by the word  
"smart," and he replied with a grin:

"I answer to the name of Billy  
Thompson. But here's the boss!"

The "boss" came in, and seeing the  
stranger he cried out:

"Why, Mr. Smith, how do you do?"

But Billy Thompson heard no more.  
He was looking around for his hat.

Mr. Smith was president of the road,  
and Billy heard from him later, to his  
sorrow. Any one needing a boy of  
Master Billy's peculiar smartness might  
secure him, as he is still out of employ-  
ment.

**Pianos Made of Paper.**

These would seem to be very appro-  
priate furniture for that straw house of  
which we spoke a week or so ago. But  
these pianos have not been made in  
Philadelphia, nor indeed in any part  
of the United States, but in Germany.

It is the case that is made of paper.  
It is said to be a creamy white in color,  
and as highly polished as any wooden  
piano case ever was; while the tone is  
much sweeter, though perhaps not as  
loud.

Paper car wheels, straw houses,  
paper pianos! What next?

**Home Hints.**

Soft water is better than hard for  
washing, and rain water is best of all.

Never prick a blister with a pin. A  
needle is the only suitable instrument.

Doctors say so many fur rugs lying  
about the house are unhealthy and  
communicate disease.

With a long-handled feather duster  
remove all the dust from walls and  
pictures, having left a window open  
from the top, so that the dust dislodged  
by the duster may pass out.

Don't neglect your house-drains, nor  
the drainage about your house. The  
first condition of family health is a dry  
and sweet atmosphere.

Before washing flannels the dirt and  
lint should be shaken out; soft,  
clear water should be used to make a  
suds, and nosap applied to the flannel.

It is easy to "keep things up" in the  
household if one only takes a little  
care and attends to each thing at the  
right time, and keeps that thing in the  
right place.

**Children At Table.**

From the time a child is old enough  
to sit at the table, teach him the proper  
use of the knife, fork, and spoon.  
Never allow a child to lean upon the  
table; habits such as that will accom-  
pany him all through life. He should  
be taught to wait patiently until his  
elders are served. It is very import-  
ant to carefully observe these minor  
points. By proper training in the  
beginning parents are saved annoyance  
and mortification in the future. At  
this age children should be dieted as  
carefully as when they were infants.

By this it is not meant that their diet  
should consist solely of milk; by no  
means, but do not fall into the error so  
widely prevalent, that children, having  
obtained their teeth, are capable of  
digesting all manner of food. This is  
the chief cause of destruction of life in  
children between three and six years  
of age, their stomachs being totally un-  
fitted for the rich food they are allow-  
ed to eat. Potatoes, meat, rice,  
oatmeal, brown bread, ripe fruit, and  
as much milk as they can drink, is the  
proper diet for children of that age.—  
*Mr. Ellis L. Mumma, in Good House-  
keeping.*

**Practical Jokes.**

Avoid practical jokes. They too fre-  
quently result in some dangerous ac-  
cident or serious ill feeling. The only  
kind of joke worth the name is one  
which is enjoyed on both sides, as the  
so called practical joke rarely proves  
to be.

Any trick intended to place another  
in an awkward position is mean and  
despicable, and we always like to hear  
of such attempts recoiling upon their  
authors' heads.

**Young Folks' Column.**

Conducted by C. E. BLACK,  
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**PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.****The Mystery Solved.**

(No. 12.)

No 98.—Psalms xli. 1

No. 99.—

1. Ninevah. 2. Laodices.

3. Idunra. 4. Kirjath-jearim.

5. Goshen. 6. Ekron.

No. 100.—Proverbs xv. 33.

No. 101.—1. Lark, ark.

2. Droll, roll.

3. Malice, Alice.

4. Aversion, version.

5. Arid, rid.

6. Yore, ore.

7. Master, aster.

No. 102.—

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No. 105.—1, 3, 9, 27, 81.

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No. 107.—1. Ezra vi. 14.

2. Revelations xxi. 20.

No. 108.—Romans vii. 1.

The Mystery.—No. 15.

No. 128.—ANAGRAM.

(FROM WILLIE BOONE, QUEENSBURY.)

A erona sroulrig yrtovic toncan eb

deaing rove rehtona nam naht sith,

taht nehwh eht yrujri nageb no sh trap,

eht essendnik dluohs nageb no sruo.

No. 129.—DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.

(FROM EMMA L. EAST PUEBICO, N. S.)

-a-t-h-b-e-d-p-n-h-w-t-r;-f-r-

-h-u-h-i-f-n-i-a-t-r-a-y-a-s.

No. 130.—Pi Proverb.

(FROM LIZZIE KERR, STANLEY.)

A asnu edrpi lahls gbnir imh olw,

tba ohmou lahls hdoopl eth onbehlu

ni'tisrps.

**No. 131.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.**

(FROM HELEN R., ST. JOHN.)

I am composed of 14 letters.

My 3, 10, 1, 7 is to locate.

My 11, 2, 8 is to twist together.

My 5, 1, 6, 13, 4 is an exhibition.

My 14, 12, 2, 9 is a waterfowl.

My whole is a place well known to many.

**No. 132.—AN OLD CHARADE.**

(FROM LOTTIE STEEVES, ST. JOHN.)

What Adam never was, if fame tell true,

But all his race have been, age even you,

Though not in learning or in wisdom used,

Look but on this and you'll perceive my first.

And if my second you would fain espy,

You've but to rob the lion of his "eye";

And for my whole behold a mighty town

Of by-gone ages, and of great renown.

**No. 133.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.**

(FROM "NICK," MILLVILLE.)

My 1st is in slate, and also in plum;

My 2nd is in peach, and also in sun;

My 3rd is in run, and also in ride;

My 4th is in find, and also in hide;

My 5th is in now, and also in never;

My 6th is in give and also in giver.

My whole we now enjoy.

**No. 134.—SQUARE WORD.**

(FROM J. McDUGALL, CARLETON.)

Diseased; a girl's name; to declare positively; to defy.

**No. 135.—BIBLE QUERY.**

(FROM "VAN," LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.)

Where is the first intimation given by our Lord of his ascension?

**No. 136.—DROP-LETTER COMMANDMENT.**

(FROM "FLORENCE," LAKEVIEW.)

-h-u-h-l-n-t-a-e-h-n-

m-o-t-e-o-d-h-g-d-n-a-

n:-o-t-e-o-d-i-l-o-h-

h-m-u-l-l-a-t-a-t-k-t-h-

s-a-e-n-a-n.

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