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#### How My Boy Went Down,

It was not on the field of battle, It was not with a ship at sea; But a fate far worse than either, That stole him away from me Twas the death in the ruby wine-cup, That the reason and senses drown: He drank the alluring poison, And thus my boy went down-

Down from the heights of manhood To the depths of disgrace and sin: Down to a worthless being, From the hope of what might have been For the brand of a beast besotted He bartered his manhood's crown: Through the gate of a sinful pleasure My poor, weak boy went down.

'Tis only the same old story That mothers so often tell With accents of infinite sadness. Like the tones of a funeral bell: But I never once thought, when I heard it, I should learn all its meaning myself: I thought he'd be true to his mother; I thought he'd be true to himself.

But alas for my hopes, all delusion! Alas for his youthful pride! Alas, who are safe when danger Is open on every side? Oh, can nothing destroy this great evil? No bar in their pathway be thrown, To save, from the terrible maelstrom. The thousands of boys going down? -Snuday School Messenger.

#### There's a Boy in the House.

A gun in the parlor, a kite in the hall, In the kitchen a book, and a bat, and a

On the sideboard a ship, on the bookcase a

And a hat for whose ownership none would dispute; And out on the porch, gallantly prancing

A spirited hobby horse paws at the air; And a well-polished pie plate out there on

Near the tall jelly jar, which a mischievous

Emptied as slyly and slick as a mouse,-Make it casy to see There's a Boy in the

A racket, a rattle, a rollicking shout, Above and below and around and about; A whistling, a pounding, a hammering of

The building of houses, the shaping of sails, Entreaties for paper, for scissors, for string; For every unfindable, bothersome thing: A bang of the door, a dash up the stairs. In the interest of burdensome business

And an elephant hunt for a bit of a mouse, Make it easy to hear There's a Boy in the

But oh, if the toys were not scattered about, And the house never echoed to racket and

If forever the rooms were all tidy and neat, And one need not wipe after wee muddy

And with kisses went tumbling all tired to

What a wearisome, work-a-day world,

For all who love wild little laddies 'twould

And I'm happy to think, though I shrink

like a mouse From disorder and din-There's a Boy in

the House! -Good Housekeeping.

### The Boy's Master.

"I wish I were my own master: intend to be someday. I hate to always hear, 'mind this' or mind that. I wish there was no such word as 'obey,'" and Robert stamped his foot with considerable more force than was you. necessary to clear the ice off the heel.

Robert was a little too self-willed to get on pleasantly at home or at school. It was his way, his choice, his likings, his pleasure, or nothing. He thought himself dreadfully imposed upon if he could not always have them, and was not slow in saying so. He looked forward to the time when he should be too old to have to mind any one, as a who keeps his eyes and ears open and happy release from all that annoyed can draw an inference from what they

way, his father said to him, "I sup- shamed a group of dullards. pose you understand there is just one A long, yellow ice cart, heavily way in which a boy may become his laden, slid, the other day, into a gutter own master, and that is by mastering in Chambers Street, near West Broadhimself?"

what you mean. I thought all that lashed his horses and swung them was necessary was to be let alone, and around, but to no purpose. Ingenihave no tasks to do-to be of age, ous philanthropists offered all kinds of and have no teachers."

always overmaster the weak. You shoulders to the side of the track, but may think that when you are twenty- without avail. The off rear wheel one years old, no one will have a right | would not turn. A barefooted little to command you, but the power to do colored boy had watched the proceedso, gives the right to do so. At school ing with a childlike look of sympathy there is always some boy who is leader, for the overstrained animals. He grown people who "never touched and the others do as he says. He has suddenly ran down Chambers Street, no right to make them, but he has the and returned panting, carrying in his power, some way or other, and they arms a lot of banana peels. submit to it. It is the same way among men. There are men who have "I'll make yer wheel turn with these confidence in themselves, who have trained their minds to work when they want them to and as they want them to, who can command all their powers wheels, and carefully laid down the to do as they will, whose fingers and skins. eyes and ears have been trained to be quick and sure, whose appetites and where the wheel was jammed. Then have conquered their weaknesses and boss, pull away !"

are never betrayed by impatience or ed taut his lines, and gave his horses a anger or selfishness-these are the lash. The animals sprang forward, scarlet on one side of it, and red on men who lead others because they can the wheel glided along the layer of command themselves. The men who banana peels, and the heavy wagon have not learned, when boys, to work | rolled out of the gutter. The onlookhard and long without flagging, to ers cheered as it rolled away. hold in check their anger, and keep "Oh," said the little boy, "I've purple and yellow brought together; back their pride and vanity, are al- seen pop move barrels and big boxes ways and everywhere the servants of with oil, and pop tole me a little oil the others. It is the men who are at makes dings go round. I seen hebby the top of all the trades and profes- men fall on banana peel, and I guessed sions who are the masters; all below dey'd move dat wheel .- New York them are serving them in some way. Sun. There are but a few of these masters, and if you want to be one of them you have no time to lose in putting yourself in training. You must begin boys, while boys, should learn. And to master yourself now in little things if they will learn these lessons so well -that is the only way for a boy to be as never to forget them during life,

#### -Morning Guide. Marry a Gentleman.

help him master his passions and appe-

tites, is sure to be mastered by Satan.'

It was excellent advice I saw lately given to young ladies urging them to marry only gentlemen, or not marry at all. The word is used in its broadest, when she comes to sit down. truest sense. It did not have reference to those who have fine raiment and white hands and the veneering of her life in their service. society polish, merely, to entitle them of true, manly and noble qualities, be to them. however hard their hands and sunbrowned their faces.

A true gentleman is generous and unselfish. He regards another's hap. | at home. piness and welfare as well as his own. all his actions. A man who is a bear above all neverlie about anything they at home among his sisters and dis- have done. courteous to his mother, is just the

A man may be ever so rustic in his drawbacks to good men, and necessiearly surroundings, if he is a true ties to bad ones. gentleman he will not bring a blush to your cheek in any society by his absurd behavior. There is an instinctive politeness inherent in such a character which everywhere commands respect and makes its owner pass for what he is-one of nature's noblemen. Do not despair, girls, there are such half laughing, and very much in earnmen still in the world. You need not die old maids. But wait until the prince passes by. No harm in delay.

If no one laughed out when the morning | to become a "champion," for he has intended. had too much honest, earnest work to do in the world. I have always ob- How could he be? He kept himself at seldom good for much else.

passing fancy for undying love. Mar- be sure. And then, in spite of all not resent too much the interference he did not have his rights. of your parents. You will travel long and far in this world before you will if you want to have friends and go find any one who has your true inter- through life pleasantly. est at heart more than your father and mother, and age and experience have ness which is often called by the given them an insight into character pretty name of "sensitiveness." which is much beyond your own

I never yet knew of a runaway trying to get and keep them. match that was not followed by deep trouble in one way or another, and matches made "in spite" are pretty sure to end in life long repentance.-Woman at Work.

### A Boy and a Banana Peel.

There is always a chance for the boy report. A quick-witted boy appeared One day, while he was talking in this on the scene in ar emergency, and a pailful swallowed at a draught.

way, New York. The rear wheel stuck "I don't know that I understand firmly against the curb. The driver suggestions, patted the trembling. "You are mistaken. The strong sweating horses, and some put their

> "Say, boss" he called to the driver, ere, if yer'll let me put 'em down."

The little lad sprang under the 6 = 190nk82

He pressed some close to the curb, passions are all under control, and who he sprang back and shouted, "Now, business of the Christian life. -Jona-

overcome their defects so that they The crowd laughed; the driver pull-

#### What Boys Should Learn.

There are a great many things that his own master. And, then, the boy they will prove of incalculable help to or man who does not get Christ to them oftentimes when they need help. Among other things that a boy should learn, an exchange classes the following, to wit:

Not to tease boys or girls smaller than themselves.

Not to take the easiest chair in the room, put it in the pleasantest place, and forget to offer it to the mother

To treat mother as politely as if she were a strange lady who did not spend

To be as kind and helpful to their to the distiction, but to those possessed sisters as they expect their sisters to

> To make their friends among good Nothing's so hard, but search'll find it out." To take pride in being a gentleman

To take their mothers into their con-You will see the trait running through | fidence if they do anything wrong; and

To make up their minds not to learn man to avoid when you come to the to smoke, chew, or to drink; rememgreat question which is to be answered | bering that these things cannot be unlearned and that they are terrible

#### His Rights.

"I will have my rights," said Tom Bell, as he walked off the playground. 1. 1 Saml. 4: 9. "Oh, his rights! -- those everlasting 2. Prov. 27:1. old rights! I wish he'd take them, 3. Eccles. 12:8. and be done with it," cried Hal Hale, 4. Sol. Song 2:1.

Tom was a trial to all his friends on account of these same "rights." He You will not be apt to find him in was always on the look-out to see that the ball room, and I know he will he received his full share of everything never be seen walking up from the that was going. He was very quick to liquor saloon. Nor is he a champion | see a slight-so quick, indeed, that he billiard player. He has not had time | could often see one where none was

Of course he was not a popular boy. served that these "champions" were the front all the time. The boys had to keep a sharp watch to see that Beware in choosing, girls, when so Tom's feelings were not hurt, and it much is at stake. Do not mistake a was a weight on their minds, you may rying in haste rarely ends well. Do their care, he was always feeling that

Do not take Tom for a model, boys,

And, girls, watch against the selfish-

Here is a secret; the one who thinks is very unsafe to marry a man against least of self will get the most kind conwhom such wise friends have warned sideration from others, and the sure way to lose your rights is to be always

### Home Hints.

Let the sunshine into every room in the house. The sunlight is a great purifier.

without eating as long as possible without serious inconvenience. Most persons drink too much and

too fast. A small quantity of water sipped slowly satisfies thirst as well as Never eat pork in hot weather, if

there is anything else to eat. Whenit is eaten, it should be cooked so thoroughly as to be brown all through

Before serving boiled water pour it from one tumbler to another several times to obtain an admixture of air. This will remove the "flat" taste and make it more palatable. The same result may be obtained by the addition of a little carbonic acid water.

Encourage the child to depend upon water as a beverage, and you will have founded a habit for which he will be grateful through life. There are water." Such examples are not to be

If one is accustomed to sleeping with the windows open there is no danger of taking cold from the exposure winter or summer. People who shut "All right, sonny !" said the driver. up windows to keep out "night air," made a mistake. At night the only The Mystery solved in three weeks. air to breathe is "night air."

As the principle of love is the main principle in the heart of the real Christian, so the labor of leve is the main than Edwards.

#### How To Make a Bouquet.

Take a mass of white, put orange or the other. Some very dark, almost black, flower may also be brought near the white. Beyond the scarlet have a very little blue; beyond the red have beyond these again bring blue in some mass. Dark cclored flowers or leaves of a brownish hue should impose beyond the blue, and for a background maiden-hair fern or leaves of the same color should be used. Avoid too much formality. If the bouquet is to be seen only on one side, it should slope gently upward, with the white near the bottom. If it is to be seen all around, the white should be in the center with the above arrangement of colors in masses around the white. Two principles may be followed in making up a bouquet-one harmony and contrast in color; the other force of light and shade. In both pure white to begin with is absolutely necessary. and should be the largest mass of the

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No. 268.—Cross-Word Enigma. (BY B. v. c., Highland Village, N. S.) In Eve, not in Adam;

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My 8, 9, 16, 21, 24 is to utter a My 22, 3, 13 is a pronoun. My 20, 6, 15 is pale. My 18, 1, 14, 16 is a small animal. My 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 is not before.

My 7, 16,20 is not old.

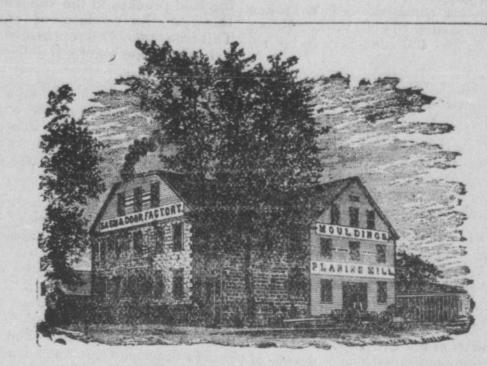
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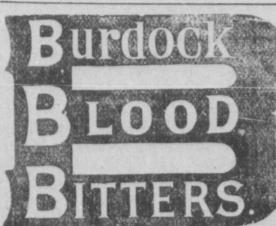
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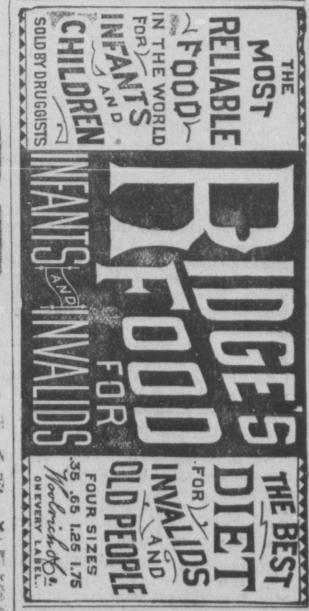
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