A Queer Boy.

He doesn's like study, it "weakens hi But the "right sort" of book will ir sure a

Let it be about Indians, pirates, or bears, And he's lost for the day to all mundane

By sunlight or gaslight his vision is clear; Now, isn't that queer?

At thought of an errand he's "tired as hound,' Very weary of life, and of "tramping

But if there's a hand or a circus in eight, He will follow it g'adly from morning till

The showman will capture him, some day, I fear,

For he is so queer.

If there's work in the garden his head "aches to split."

And his back is so lame that he "can't dig But mention base ball, and he's cured very

And he'll dig for a woodchuck the whole afternoon;

Do you think he "plays 'possum?" He seems quite sincere; But-isn't he queer? -W. H. S., in November "St Nicholas."

Whistling For His Dinner.

The Terry boys lived in a substantial farm-house in a picturesque valley on Long Island. The incidents which I am about to relate occurred in the times, a good many years ago, when deer were plenty in the swamps and forests of that part of the island.

Dan Terry, the second in age, was very fond of hunting; and the table of hts widowed mother was supplied with the meat of beast and fowl he had, in his frequent expeditions, brought down with his trusty gun.

To kill a buck all by thimself, and have the horns to keep as trophies and pleasant reminders of his valor against the time when the deer on Long Island should live only in story, was ths wide-awake, active boy's greatest

His mother often said: "I don't know what will become of Dan, he is so reckless. He isn't afraid of anvthing; and every time he goes out of my sight I expect he will be brought home dead, as his father was from trying to rescue a wretched sailor out there among the rocks. It seems a pity, for he is as good a boy as ever

"No one ever worries about me, or praises me," said Fred, the oldest, and the worker of the family. "I can go along and provide the whole house with all their grub for a month, and nothing will be said about it; but, if Dan happens to shoot a squirrel, his praises ring from Montauk to River-

One day, when he felt especially discouraged over his hard work, and had started for the huge field of corn, he said: "Come on now, Dan. Leave your gun, tell Rob to throw away his pumpkin-vine flute, and both of you come right along and help me about

harvesting." The boys went cheerfully, for they were used to Fred's grumbling and his imperious ways. As they trudged along toward the fields, Rob, in the natural exubrance of his spirits, fell to whistling "Yankee Doodle" with great

gusto. "Do stop your whistling Rob," said the older brother, presently. "Your racket is as incessant as that of the birds and frogs. Hurry up and let us get to work. You will never get your dinner by whistling."

"Oh, he may," said cheerful-hearted, hopeful Dan: "no one can tell. Oh, my sakes alive, there's his chance! Do you see that buck and doe out there on the edge of the cornfield? Put in now, Rob, and whistle your very best, while I run for my gun. What in the world was I thinking about not to take it along with me?

Rob filled his lungs anew, and began to whistle like a jubliant blackbird. Dan, crouching along a few steps at what use saws, axes and shovels could first until out of sight behind a thin be in the play. But Charlie was a strip of brush, ran like a hare for the favourite with all, and they fully behouse; and matter-of-fact, plodding lieved in his promises, and were soon Fred, who was not taken into account back again for the fun. at all in this existing contingency, made his way as stealthily as an Indian has gone to sit up all night with a sick in the shadow of the thick, tall corn, child. A man hauled her some wood until he came suddenly in front of the today, and I heard her tell him that handsome creatures, who with their unless she could get some one to saw graceful necks arched, large, shining it tonight she would have nothing to eyes dilated, and one fore-foot of each make e fire with in the morning. Now, lifted in an expectant curve, were boys, it will be just as easy for us to listening to the entrancing music as saw, split and pile up her wood as to Rob trilled out at the top of his lungs | make a snow-man on her doorstep, and his favorite roundelays.

The buck stared at Fred for on in- than that of the last. What say you, stant, and then, as the shrewd boy had boys?" calculated, made a furious charge for him. Standing his ground firmly until the infuriated beast was close upon ity went for it with the inward satis- his alphabet, but who refused to say A him, he jumped to one side like a flash, and, with the sinewy ability of a from well-doing. panther, seized him by his formidable

degree by the movement of the buck over their fun, and then all went to a in vigorously throwing up his head, neighboring carpenter's shop, where the brave boy placed himself astride shavings could be had for carrying, the creature's broad back.

For a moment, the outwitted animal then they went home with light and stood motionless; and then with a joyful hearts. sudden curving leap, he plunged forward into the thick, woody swamp.

desert him for an instant in this ex- | been done, she was astonished, and tremity No sooner did the wonderful tears of gratitude ran down her cheeks. steed begin his long, sweeping strides for the thicket than, leaning forward, kindly deed; and when afterward told, Fred drew his sharp sheath-knife that her fervent invocation: "God bless he had used for cutting corn, and the boys !" would have richly repaid severed his jugular vein.

As a horse in battle when a minieball had pierced his brain, so the great, muscular creature made a tremendous lunge forward, and fell, death ending pounds of oatmeal, or meal of Indian his struggles in a few moments.

Presently, fishing himself out in a after Rob, with great gulping sobs of place. affright, had reported that poor Fred had been tossed and mangled on the old buck's murderous antlers, and carried away lifeless into the almost impenetrable swamp, and that they should never see him again.

Dan had dropped his gun, and was sitting down on the stone hearth in the kitchen in helpless terror; and Fred approached the open door just in time to hear his mother, between frantic outbursts of tears, extol his industry, patience, and self-denial together with a surprisingly long list of other virtues.

"Halloo!" he shouted, bursting into the kitchen: "cheer up. Rob has whistled up a dinner in good earnest today. Come out, boys, and help me dress the old fellow, and get the carcass home. Straighten out your faces, all of you. Don't you see, mother, I'm all right?"

"Of course, you are all right, you dear, blessed boy," said Mrs. Terry. tears of joy now welling out of her mild blue eyes. "You always were, and you always are. I was in no wise worried at first about you being killed, -I knew you were so level-headed and so sensible; but the boys made such an ado, and were so sure the old buck had given you your deathwounds, I was giving up just as you came in. "

The shock from the supposed tragedy having passed off, the boys fell into pleasant badinage over the division of the honors pertaining to the remark-

"Had you kept quiet, Fred," said Dan, "I should have brought him down with my gun in good time." "He liked my music first-rate,"

said Rob. "He stood as still as stone chimney until Fred went for "Oh, well," spoke up Fred, com placently: "you, Rob, you may have

all the honor, Dan shall have the horns, mother and I the venison." This story of Robert Terry whistling for his dinner has been handed down in the family and in the neighborhood to this day, and often repeated when one takes the credit of another's work.

-Methodist Protestant.

Having Some Fun. " Now, boys, I will tell you how we can have some fun," said Charlie to his companions, who had assembled one bright moonlight evening for sledding, snow-balling and fun generally.

"What is it?" asked several at once. "You shall see," said Charlie. "Who's got a saw?"

"I have. So have I," replied three

"Get them; and you and Fred and Nathan each get an axe, and I will get a shovel. Let's be back in fifteen minutes."

The boys separated to go on their several errands, each wondering of

"Now," said he, "Widow Bradley

The situation, indeed, was at this load of wood, and to shovel a good answered, "she'll only want me to prodigious spring, helped in no small felt great pleasure and satisfaction a dunce.—Exchange

away, and each brought an armful;

The next morning, when the poor, weary widow returned from watching Fred's presence of mind did not (at the sick bed, and saw what had She wondered who had done the them could they have heard it.

Home Hints.

Remedy for Roaches.-Take three corn, and mix it with a pound of white Fred found himself some paces in lead: moisten with treacle so as to advance in a pool of slimy water. form a good paste, and put a portion down at night in the infested build matter-of-fact way, and having become ing. Repeat for a few nights alternassured that the game was quite dead, ately, and in the morning remove the he started for the house, arriving just | paste and the corpses to a convenient

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A Common Pot Pie. - Cut the meat (veal, beef or chicken) into pieces, and put them into enough boiling water to cover them well; add, also, two or three strips of pork; cover the pot close; boil an hour, then season with pepper and salt to taste, add a little piece of butter. (Stock is infinitely nicer than water, and obviates the necessity of butter). Just before taking out the ingredients of the pot to send to the (BY MISS MARY WARD, Minneapolis, table, put into it, when the liquid is boiling, separate spoonfuls of batter made with two eggs well beaten, two and a half or three cupfuls of buttermilk, one teaspoonful of soda and sufficient flour. The batter should be made just before it is cooked. It takes about three or four minutes to cook it, the water not to be allowed to stop boiling. The dish should then be served immediately, or the dumplings will become heavy.

A prominent physician recently said: "There are ten simple precautions which form an excellent rule in life, and if people would but observe them I should have to resort to some other means of making a livelihood: Don't read in street cars or other jolting vehicles. Don't pick the teeth with pins or other hard substances. Don't neglect any opportunity to insure a variety of food. Don't eat or drink hot and cold things immediately in succession. Don't pamper the appetite with such variety of food tha may lead to excess. Don't read, write or do any delicate work unless receiving the light from the left side. Don't direct special mental or physical energies to more than eight hours' work in each dry. Don't keep the your children's health. Don't delude madcsusa. yourself into the belief that you are an exception so far as sleep is concerned; the normal average of sleep is eight hours. Don't endeavor to rest the mind in absolute inactivity."

GIVING SHAPE TO FEET. - Every one but especially children, should wear properly fitting shoes, no matter how common the material. They should be neither too large nor too small and should have low, flat heels that must be promptly "righted" as. soon as they begin to wear to one side. If the toes of the foot show a tendency to overlap, they should be rubbed with the hands once or twice each day; and commences, it will as a rule, prove sufficient to correct any irregularities | N. B. of this nature. If a nail is wayward in its growth, trim it only lightly at the ailing corner, and fully at the opposite | Distemper. corner. If both corners grow to deeply into the flesh, clip them carefully and lightly, and then scrape the center of the nail from the tip to near the root until it is thin and flexible. This process seldom fails to correct refractory nails, provided, of course, they are not neglected too long.

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