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To her-that mightiest of mothers,

And just to show him that she held him Than other men, and blessed and love him more,

Each time he touched her close, came near, and nearer. She made him stronger than he was be

Though he were worn with wasting wounds unnumbered,

Gained in flerce conflict with the sons He laid his head in her great lap and slum

And when he wakened he was strong

Ah, Antæus, our hearts to-day are beating With the same blood that throbbed in thine at birth.

Across the centuries we send thee greeting; Earth.

Though through the year we journey on That wander far from her who love

them best, And meet with many troubles, many dan-

And seek in vain for any place to rest-

See how we start when spring's white buds are bursting:

See how we thrill when first the robins

e how we rush to our great mother, thirsting Just for one look of her who made us all!

We know her in the pussy-willows gleam

We hear her in the nesting birds' low

Where drowsy ferns awaken from their And wild flowers bloom, we touch her and grow strong.

With gladdened eyes we look at one another No fear of coming evil haunts us then, For we, like Antæus, have touched our

And in that touch she makes us strong -Bessie Chandler, in "Harper's

Edward's Soliloguy.

I'm so tired of being a boy! but I'd

rather be a boy than a girl; yes, indeed. Won't I be glad, though, when I'm a man! Just think of doing as you please, and not having some one all time telling you what you shall do and what you sha'n't do. Teachers' Institute met in our town not long ago, and went one afternoon, and the Principal of the State Normal School at Albany was there, and he said he never wanted to be a boy agan; that he'd had a great deal better time since he became a man than he did when he was a boy; that people seemed to think that boys had no rights that parents or teachers were bound to respect. wish he was my father; I guess I'd have a nicer time than I do now though I don't know, 'cause he said his wife brought up his children, and the mightn't be as clever to me as he Just think of all the ugly things I

have to do. There are the cows to milk morning and night, the kindling wood to split, coal to bring up, the wood box to fill, the ashes to sift, all kinds of errands to run, and all sorts of odd jobs to do. When is a fellow to get his lessons, I'd like to know, when he hasn't a minute to himself in the morning? Of course, I want a little fun, and I don't feel like studying when I've been in school all day. Then when I go in the house and want a little good time, Mary says: "Ned, don't put your muddy feet on that sofa; go wipe 'em on the door mat;" or, "Ned, don't whittle on the carpet don't cut notches in that table," or don't something all the time. What does a boy have a knife for, I'd like to sit still in a chair like a statue. I just can't do it. I have to lean back or pin my chair round on one of its legs; and that makes Mary wild. But mother is real good about that. She says all the children did it when they were my age, and that I'll outgrow it. Think my ever learning to sit still! Everybody seems to think boys a nuisance, and treat 'em as though they hadn't by rights, just as that principal said; most everybody. I wonder if I'll be ike that when I'm a man? I don't believe I will. I'll treat boys as though they would some day be men, as I'd like to be treated now.

A Capital Talk to Boys.

Few are the boys that do not love a

or of natural science to a class of lads screamed for help, and meantime the this; had for breakfast. from twelve to sixteen years old. He father would have died. The boys might have talked to them about a did neither of these things. They heaven and earth, but what he did ly under their father, and in a very talk about was firearms. He had ob- short time released him from his of guns, !pistols, revolvers, etc., and | wisdom were the means of saving his samples of every kind of bullet and life. cartridge.

When he came into the room, with several assistants carrying weapons, he made a sensation. The secretary in charge af the boys (a junior class in the Young Men's Christian Association) told them of the pains the professor taken to prepare this talk, and requested them to show their appreciation by perfect silence and abstinence from peanuts during the evening. The lecturer was then introduced and was applauded roundly.

He took the guns to pieces, drew diagrams of construction on the black-We are thy brothers, bern of that same | board, showed them the ingredients of gunpowder and nitro-glycarine, told them how to care for a gun, and to assume that every gun was always loaded. He also showed them weapons of primitive warfare, and asked them what were the first weapons. "Fists' was wrong, but "stones" he accepted. Eighty five boys listened to the talk, many standing, but all with perfect quiet and order.

He had scarcely finished his "Thanking you for your kind attention," and the boys their applause, when there was a grand rush for the guns. Then there was a hubbub. Every one wanted to ask him something, and he let them handle and ask all they chose. For half an hour they were around him, and it came time to close.

rooms while he was there as for Mendelssohn to play the people out of church after the sermon. So he let the boys help him carry home the various guns, much to their pride and delight, thus crowning a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

A Boy Who is Succeeding-

Every boy wishes to succeed, but few men are able to look back upon a successful life. Why some boys are promoted more rapidly than some others is suggested by this story, the nice griddle cakes. writer of which is unknown to us:

"A new boy came into our office today," said a wholesale grocery merchant to his wife at the supper-table. "He was hired by the firm at the ly to prevent burning, and when a request of the senior member, who thought the boy gave promise of good hot dish, like an comelet. Strew over things. But I feel sure that boy will be out of the office in less than a week.' "What makes you think so?"

"Because the first thing he wanted to know was just exactly how much he was expected to do."

mind about him." "Perhaps, I shall," replied the mer-

chant, "but I don't think so."

Three days later the business man said to his wife, "About that boy you remember I mentioned three or four days ago. "Well, he is the best boy

that ever entered the store." "How did you find that out?"

"In the easiest way in the world. The first morning after the boy began work he performed very faithfully and systematically the exact duties as signed, which he had been so careful to have explained to him. When he had finished, he came to me, and said, Mr. H., I have finished that work. Now, what can I do?'

"I was greatly surprised but I gave him a little job of work, and forgot all about him, until he came into my room with the question, 'What next?' That settled it for me. He was the first boy that ever entered our office who was willing, and volunteered to do more than was assigned him. I know, if it isn't to cut with? I can't predict a successful career for that boy as a business man. - Ex.

Presence of Mind.

Some one has wittily said that a better thing than presence of mind in danger is "absence of body." But we cannot always be absent from danger, and fortunate indeed is anyone whose friends are present in body when he is in danger and needs help. I once knew a lady who screamed and wrung her hands when a girl was burning to death before her eyes, and made no effort to put out the flames. Here is all. an account of how two boys, by presence of mind and rare good sense, saved the life of their father.

In Maine, lately, two boys went out to the woods with their father to see in and long to have one. As few, him cut down trees. Through a miserhaps, are the mothers who are will- take in calculating how a tree he was ing to trust their boys with a "danger- cutting would fall, the father was has weapon." But if both mothers and caught and pinned to the ground, the ons understood the mechanism of a tree lying across his body. At the on perfectly, the danger would be less fearful sight the boys did not less their or the boys and the anxiety for the presence of mind, but set to work with energy to save their father.

We wish all boys who love to carry | Some boys would have exhausted their a gun could have heard the lecture strength in vain efforts to remove the given a few evenings ago by a profess- tree; others would have run and great many interesting subjects in commenced digging a hole immediatetained as many as fifteen different kinds awful situation. Their coolness and

Theories Don't Count for Juice

The difference between common sense and mathematics was illustrated in a remark which Tommy Joneswho is not exceptionally bright, but just a common natural boy-made in his class at school the other day.

It was the class in mental arithmetic. The teacher asked Willie Smith "Which would you rather have, Willie half an apple, or eight-six-

teenths of an apple?" "Wouldn't make any difference,"

"Why not?" "Eight-sixteenths and one-half are

said Willie.

all the same." At this reply Tommy Jones, who was several steps farther down the class, sniffed scornfully. The teacher heard him.

"Well, Tommy," said she, "don't you agree with Willie?"

"No'm "I'd a good deal rather have one-half an apple."

"And why, please?"

"More juice. Cut up half an apple into eight-sixteenths and you'll lose half the juice doing it !"- Youths Companion.

Whatever employment you follow with perseverance and assiduity will be found fit for you; it will be your It was about as easy to close the support in youth and comfort in age. In learning the useful part of every But I don't feel that way to-night, and profession, very moderate abilities will suffice; even if the mind be a little balanced by stupidity, it may in this case be useful. Great abilities have always been less serviceable to the possessors than moderate ones. Life has been compared to a race, but the allusion still improves by observing that the most swift are ever the least manageable. - Oliver Goldsmith.

Household Hints.

Cold boiled rice or hominy, soaked very soft in milk, and mixed with eggs and flour to a smooth batter, makes

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No. 113.—Electricity.

No. 114,-1. V-ice. 2. B-owl. 3. E-vil. 4. H-ouse.

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No. 128.—Cross-Word. In tape, but not in line; In hour, but not in time ; In thyme, but not in mint; In sign, but not in hint; In sing, but not in cry; In cook, but not in fry; In vine, but not in tree; In wasp, but not in bee;

In bring, but not in call;

Those who are whole need not my

No. 129. -ANAGRAM. in his pay. No. 130. - DROP-LETTER. -h-s-c-a-

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was an illustrious divine. My 1, 2, 7, 8, 5, 6 is a sea animal. My 4, 3, 8 is what it cannot do.

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What is seen in every picture; an insect; sluggish; you must do to solve

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-THE MYSTICAL CIRCLE.

L. F. BARNES, Bath, is also agreed that the solution to 96 is The Whale that swallowed Jonah. The living soul spoken of was Jonah.

J. T. Appleby, Everett, Mass., U. S. A., confirms the answer-The Whale -and says had Jonah obeyed God's command the riddle wouldn't have

-OUR STORY.

Trampling Down Temper.

BY SYDNEY DAYRE. "I'm so glad. Oh, I'm so glad !" Herbert came to his mother at bedtime with a beaming face.

"What are you so glad about?" she "Oh, for something I did to-day.

No, it was something I didn't do." "Are you going to tell me about it?" "Yes, of course I am, mam na. Don't

always tell you everything?" "I hope so, dear." "I do. But you know sometimes have dreadful things to tell?"

"Yes, sometimes," she said with a "You don't know how it makes a fellow feel, mamma," Herbert went on

very soberly, "to have to come and tell of something mean and wicked I've been doing. It makes me feel as though I wanted to creep away and hide and never show my face again. it's because I've been trying to do just as you told me when I get angry."

"You find it a good way, do you?" "Yes, your ways are always good. Well, this is how it was. Harvey Gray wanted me to play ball at school, and I just picked up his book to look at it for a minute. 'I'm coming,' said, but he wouldn't wait, and snatched the book out of my hand and threw it out into the road in the dust. Then I laughed and said, 'It is your book.' He thought it was mine, and he was so mad he picked up my lunch basket and flung it after it, and everything rolled out in the dust. I tell you, mamma, I was as mad as a hornet. I doubled up my fists and was just going at him. I was going to call him all the bad names I could. And just in time, mamma, I remembered what you told me about my bad temper."

"I'm glad !" "But, mamma, I didn't want to remember a bit. I wanted more'n five dollars to give it to Harve like sixty. SAINT JOHN, N. B I wanted to wait to the next time to begin the trampling. But you said it would be harder and harder every. time, and I just asked God, as you told me, to help me when I hated to stop being mad. And then I ran right by Harve, and ran and ran till I was clear away from the boys. And I stayed away till the school bell rang."

"That was very wise," said mamma, patting the small boy's head.

"Yes," said Herbert, "'cause, you see, I could not fight Harve if I wasn't there, and I couldn't fight him when school was called. And by noon I hardly felt mad at all, but I kept away from him. And after school this afternoon I felt all right to him and played with him just as I always did. And he came and told me he was sorry he was so mean and gave mean apple, and now we are good friends. That's why I am so glad."

"It's enough to be glad for," said mamma, kissing him tenderly. "Try it again, dear. You will find it less hard every time you conquer your hasty temper. but I think you will find the same gladness in every victory.-Happy Days.

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