A Cripple's Talent.

been chiefly remarkable for his mis-

cripple. His life hung in the balance

for many months, and when he began

to mend in general health it was with-

One day he was seized with a strong

purpose. 'I must work,' he exclaimed

to his mother. 'I shall lose my mind

if I lie here counting my aches and

He asked her to prop him up with

pillows and to fetch his school books.

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romantic career and the adventures of

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brought him into disgrace at school for

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pen and ink drawings to illustrate

comical incidents and dialogues. A

dozen of these were sent to an illus-

Encouraged by his success, he be-

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As round as an apple, As black as your hat; As brown as a berry, As blind as a bat: As mean as a miser, As full as a tick; As plump as a partridge, As sharp as a stick.

As clean as a penny, As dark as a pall; As hard as a millstone, As bitter as gall; As fine as a fiddle, As clear as a bell; As dry as a herring, As deep as a well.

As light as a feather, As hard as a rock; As stiff as a poker, As calm as a clock; As green as a gosling, As brisk as a bee; And now let me stop, Lest you weary me.

St. Nicholas.

#### Three Sides to the Argument.

and accomodating, and was especially fond of boys and girls younger than I'ts awful silly for their mother to himself. So on this pleasant spring be afraid. I know how to manage a he designed a bed on wheels which morning, when he had loaded his boat with barrels, and was just ready to shove off, having been watched all the while with three pairs of eyes, belonging to Maggie and Cora Packard, and their particular friend and playmate George Wilson, he said good-natured-'There is just about room to to go along. I have got to take these barrels down to the mill; then I will thing. Well, for the matter of that, row you to the end of the falls, so that you can see what mischief the freshet the last words he ever spoke to me in did, if you want to.'

'Oh, goody!' said George Wilson. 'Isn't that too splendid for anything! I've been wanting to go down there just dreadful. Come on, girls. Shall we come to this landing, Joe, or far- harder; and I try to keep her from ther down?'

But Maggie and Cora shook their heads, and both spoke almost in the same breath.

We can't; it is real nice of you, Joe,' added Cora, gratefully, and we thank you ever so much, but we can't go.'

'All right,' said Joe, good-natured as ever-whether people went or staid on his invitation, he kept a cheery face-but George looked dreadfully disappointed.

Why can't you go?' he asked, a trifle sharply, 'The water is just as still as can be, and that is a first-rate boat. You are not, afraid, I should hope.'

'No,' said Maggie, 'we are not afraid. We never are afraid on the water, Cora and I, but mother is, and father said we were not to go out in a boat without him.

thoughts had been, you would have 'Not with Joe Bryan? Why, dear me! he knows as much about the water as an old sailor; everybody says so. I heard my uncle Dick say, that he would rather trust him with a boat Maggie and Cora glancing occasionalin a storm than himself; and uncle ly somewhat timidly at George, to Dick has been a sailor, too. Say, come en girls; don't be silly. We will Maggie said : have just a splendid ride, and I want to see where the freschet came. There George, you wanted to go so much. is a great big tree right across the Cora and I could have gone home and stream, and part of the dam is washed away. It is just the morning for a row, so sunshiny and pretty. I haven't been in a boat this spring. Do come, Maggie, that's a good girl. Cora will

if you will, won't you Cora?' But that small maiden promptly shook her head. 'No, I wont go, not he said in a rather sorrowful tone, ma, put on the check rein.' even if Maggie went; and Maggie wont go, because father says not. Do you suppose we would either of us you not to do things, because they are go, George Wilson, after that?

Everybody goes rowing with Joe Bryan,' repeated George, earnestly. But even this argument did not move Maggie. She turned her head in a dignified way towards George, pushed back her sunbonnet so that he could get a full view of her eyes, and said slowly. 'George Wilson, I am ashamed of you. To think you would clax the pictures at the Academy?' Cora and me to do what father sa'd we were not to do! He didn't say called, 'Two Dogs, after Landout on the water w. hout him, ever. seer.

We promised we wouldn't and mother trusts us. She wouldn't expect us to go on the water, no more than she would expect us to go up in a baicon. Not because we are afraid, nor because lots of people don't ask us, that know how to manage boats. but just because father said 'don't go.' Why it would not be worth scaring mother, even if it was right to go. Mother is just as afraid about the water as she can be she turns real pale every time she hears about Aunt Nannie going out rowing. Do you think we would go after that? We think too much of our mother, I can tell you; don't we Cora ?

'Yes,' said Cora, emphatically; of

'All right,' said Joe Bryan again, we won't coax you any more. Come on George, you and me will go and see about the freshet.'

'No,' said George, looking wistfully after the boat, it is true, but shaking his head bravely. 'I won'c go this morning, Joe; thank you all the same. You see, I promised Mrs. Packard I would stay with Maggie and Cora; I guess she don't like to have them down here all by themselves, and I said I would keep with them.

'Well, then the barrels and me will have to shoot off alone,' said Joe, and he started down the stream, whistling cheerily; but the whistling grew slower and softer as he skifully steered his boat into deep water, and by and by stopped altogether, for Joe was thinking. If anyboody could have seen his thoughts, they would have been very much like these: 'They are good little girls, those Packard girls; they aren't going to worry their mother; not even for a ride in a row-boat; and they don't get that kind of a ride very often, either. I suppose it's easier for girls than it is for boys; but I don't know why it should be, after all. George corxed them, and was disappointed—just as much as Jim is when Joe Bryan was always good-natured he coaxes me to come down to the expert in the set of tools and acids. grocery evenings, and I say 'I can :

so did my father. Didn't he tell me,

little chicks. Let's learn it.'

question on the right side.

at his face, and knowing what his

been sure that he had settled the

As for the three left on shore, they

were all quite still for a few moments,

see if he felt cross at them. At last

'It's too bad not to have you go,

waited until some other time for our

'After all, it must be nice to have folks

that are scared about you, and tell

Uncle Dick don't care a bit what be-

comes of me, so long as I keep out of

his way, and don't get into mischief

that will bother him.'-Paney.

boat as well as the next one; and there | could be rolled under trees. isn't a mite of harm in their going out with me, any more than there is in bition spured him on. 'Work has Co., Ltd., New Glassgow, N. S., or kept him alive,' said the physician; 'he my going down to the corner grocery, will die without it.' When too weak not a particle. But they don't choose to use his peneil he passed quickly to, because it will worry their mother. And it worries my mother worse than away.

Perceiving that confinement indoors

was restricting his work to interiors,

A life of physical anguish had been I know of, perhaps, to have me go to chuck you three in, if you would like the grocery. But their father told ennobled by heroic persistence in them they musn't; that is another turning his one talent to good account.

### All Sorts.

'What is syntax?' was asked of a his life, to be a good boy, and take class under examination. 'A tax on care of my mother, and not worry her whisky,' was the reply of one student. about things? Well, haven't I been And the teacher thought he deserved good, I should like to know? There the mark of one hundred per cent. isn't a boy of my age that works any

"Johnson's Anodyne Liniment prevented my death from bronchitis, worrying about flour, and rent, and all writes an ardent friend.

such things. Still I am bound to own that she worries a good deal about the grocery. She would just like to have possessed by foreigners had their origin | friend quickly said, 'Pudding without me stay at home evenings all the while in some service for the king. What with her, and it's awful silly in her. does 'K. C. B.' stand for?' Pupil: I don't get into any harm; but then, | 'It is keeper of the collar-button.'

suppose it is silly ? That little Maggie When once used, you will like said a ride in a row-boat was not worth others call ir Johnson's Anodyne doing me a great favor.' She looked scaring her mother about. I don't Liniment, and nothing else.

suppose Jim Brayton and his whole 'What do you think of our new father's grocery are worth worrying minister?' And Sandy scratching his my mother about, when it comes to pow, answered: 'I dinna think that. I tell you what, Joe Bryan, let's muckle o' him. Six days he's eenvisiyou and me give it up. We have had ble, and the seventh day eencomprea good lesson this morning from the hensible.

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floor, and taking a small water pitcher from the table, carried it from the An indolent boy, whose schooling had room. Returning, she seated herself with a triumphant air, and said, 'Now chievous pranks, met with an accident mamma, you can go on with your story. I've taken away the little pit-In consequence of injuries affecting cher. hip and spine he became an incurable

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How does the soul grow? Not all in a

Now it may lose ground, and now it

may win it;

Now its hopes fructify, then they are blighted;

Now it walks sunnily, now gropes benighted.

disaster, So it goes forward, now slower, now

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