THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

LITTLE EOXES.

Crafty Mr. Fox watches a chance to catch Mrs. Turkey and make a meal of her. reach of Mr. Fox. Here is something from the Children's Hour, that you will do well to learn:

Among my tender vines I spy A little fox named-By-and-by.

Then set upon him quick I say, The swift young hunter-Right-away.

Around each tender vine I plant, I find the little fox-I-can't.

Then, fast as ever hunter ran, Chase him with bold and brave-I-can

No-use-in-trying-lags and whines This fox among my tender vines.

Then drive him low and drive him high With this good hunter named-I'll-try!

Among the vines in my small lot, Creeps in the young fox-I-forgot.

Then hunthim out and to his den With-I-will-not-forget-again!

The little fox that, hidden there Among my vines is-I-dont-care.

Then let I'm-sorry-hunter true-Chase him afar from vines and you.

What mischief-making foxes yet! Among our vines they often get.

But now their hunters, names you know Just drive them out, and keep them so.

Serial.

TOMMY GRUMBLE'S MISHAP.

If I had piles and piles of paper, and dozens and dozens of pens, I am not positive there would be enough to tell of all that happened, that was happening, and in all probability would happen to Tommy Grumble ; for such a boy for having queer things happen to him you never saw or heard of before, I am sure.

You may, at this moment, have fallen into the idea-naturally, toothat Tommy was a large boy-quite a large boy, stout and brave-to have had hair-breadth escapes and queer experiences; but he was not-that is, stood upon tiptoe, and then his head just reacked the lowest shelf in the pantry, and the distance from the floor to the shelf was just three and a quarter feet.

many jars and boxes under the lower | dow," and caused it, at least, that is Mrs. Turkey will do well to keep out of the ones, to risk such restless fingers as what Tom said later. Just as he was unlocked, but bid him to go and help himself to cake.

ing and frisking about until every crumb was eaten, and then the twinkling gray eyes flew around, not only in the way of danties.

As I said, the window being open, and a bright light streaming in, every object, even upon the highest shelf, was visible to the eager, searching eyes, even to the pretty china shepherdess, with crook and dog, which had disappeared so mysteriously from the dining-room mantle because Tommy would handle it constantly; therefore grandma had hidden it safely away, and there it was, to be surethe shepherdess and dog, too-looking down upon Tommy in the old, delightfully-familiar way, which caused him to whirl about again to relieve his feelings.

"Grandma dont know how to hide things. She might a-knowed I'd find it. I'd a-hid it up the chimney : if I to climb up there some day, and if I from his perilous perch. fall, then it's all grandma's fault, for putting it up so high."

While Tommy was talking to himself in this manner, his hands had not been idle. The boxes, jars, and shepherdess to play with. two high stools under the lower shelf had been drawn out to the middle of was building.

had placed one of the high stools be-

there, also. There were too many ed but that "a miserable old bumblegoodies upon the upper shelves, too bee had to fly right in the open win-Tommy possessed, and what mamma s lowly, s-l-o-w-l-y turning the jar over could have been thinking about that toward him, to see what was in it, afternoon no one could tell, for she t his dreadful bumble bee flew right could not herself, as she confessed in his face, and in the sudden scare later, not only to have left the door over came the jar, and as quick as you could wink, all the apricot preerves were pouring over Tommy's He helped himself, to be sure, danc- head and streaming down his shoulders, over his new coat and trousers. right into his slippers; and you would

never have known Tommy Grumble in search of more cake, but anything from any other boy at that moment. Don't get to thinking that, in his fright, he let go his hold and fell down breaking several ribs, to say nothing of other bones! Indeed, no! He clung desperately to the shelf-notwithstanding the jar, when it fell, al most knocked him breathless-and then he yelled as loud as the trick

ling preserves would allow him to, until grandma rushed in from the garden, looking scared enough to faint and Bob the gardener, having heard the commotion and yells, dashed out from the carriage-house, with a pitchfork and whip, believing a tramp had entered the house and was making off with the silver.

For a moment or two, neithe grandma nor Bob could comprehend matters and when they did, Bob was goin' to be so silly as to hide laughed aloud-which he ought not things. Now I've finded it, I'll have to have done-as he released him

> And then grandma was so relieved to think not a bone was broken, and he was quite safe, she forgot to scold, but instead the gave him the china

But when mamma came backam obliged to tell the truth, just as it the room, and a queer shaky ladder happened-she looked at the soiled trousers and coat, at the empty apri-After collecting his material, he cot jar, and Tommy was punished. Oh, yes; he really was punished fore the shelf, directly under the smil- severely ; but I promised not to tell ing shepherdess, and upon the top of what the punishment was, and then he was not a large boy, unless he this stool after a deal of hard work he was sent to bed. Tommy has not and puffing, he managed to place an ventured near the pantry since.

dollars and twenty-eight cents exact Children who of you cannot do the

same? If you have not the "bank," take a box instead, and save your pennies as Winnie did. If you do not have as much as she, remember "Every little helps," and some other girl or boy may have and so even it

A LITTLE GIRL AND HER BIBLE.

When the Boston train came steaming into the depot the crowd rushed for seats. As a band of re- the Italian organist invaribly plays cruits mounted the platform they shouted back to their friends who a wonderful turn for music. had accompanied them to the train, command, interspersed with an oath now and then. As the train moved on, they pushed each other into the car, where many ladies were seated, including Mrs. B-and her two boys.

Then the oaths came out thick and fast, each one evidently trying to outdo the other in profanity. Mrs. B .shuddered for herself and her boys, for she could not bear to have their young minds contaminated with such language. If the train had not been so crowded she would have looked for seats elsewhere, but under the circumstances she was compelled to remain where she was.

had continued nearly an hour, a little girl, who with her mother sat in front of the party, stepped out timidly from her seat, and going up to the ringleader of the group, a young man whose countenance indicated considerable intelligence-she presented him with a small Bible.

She was a little, delicate looking creature, only seven or eight years old; and as she laid the book in his hands, she raised her eyes appealingly to his, but without saying a word went back to her seat and when seals

The party could not have been more completely hushed if an angel had silenced them. Not another

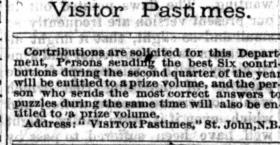
" If " the proof of the pudding is in the eating," where shall we look for the proof of a printer's pi?

Miss Brownstone says that if she has a dog she wants one of those great Sarah Bernhardt dogs that dig those dear old monks out of the snow in Switzerland.

European tours will soon become unfashionable. The horrible discovery has been made that it is cheaper to summer in Europe than at an American watering-place.

A woman-pianist who plays with only one hand is just now the talk of Paris. If we remember rightly, with only one hand. The Italian has

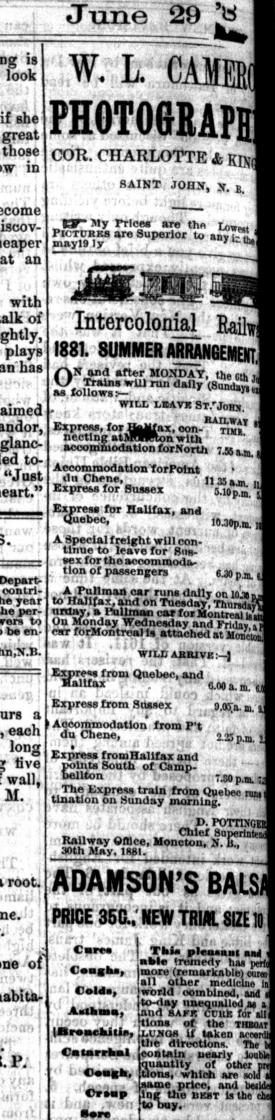
" There's my hand !" he exclaimed the various slang phrases they could in a moment of courage and candor, command, interspersed with an oath "and my heart is in it." She glanced at the empty palm extended toward her, and wickedly replied, "Just as I supposed : you've got no heart."



PROBLEM. If ten men, working ten hours day, can lay ten pieces of wall, each ten rods long, in ten days, how long Finally, after the coarse jesting would it take five men, working five hours a day, to lay five pieces of wall, each five rods long? N. C. M.

> ENIGMA. Composed of 41 letters. My 40, 3, 20, 15, 9 is a plant. My 39, 10, 27, 14, 32, 6, 28 is a root My 1, 38, 11, 21 is a river. My 5, 17, 24, 4 is a man's name. My 8, 16, 30, 41. 2 is a prong. My 34, 26, 12, 19 is dear. My 36, 13, 31, 22, 18, 37 is one of he same faith. My 23, 7, 29, 32 is a mean habita My 21, 35, 33, 25 is a quoit. My whole is a French maxim. L, B. P.

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Tom was just in tronsers when this one special thing [happened-in] fact, that very afternoon saw him in his first cunning little jacket and trowsers to match, and proudest, vainest, most puffed-up little soul alive at that moment.

Almost any boy will say that nothing else should happen-could reason. ably be expected to happen-to one boy on the same day, after stepping from dresses into pantaloons; and this is just what Tom's mother thought.

Therefore, firmly believing he would pass the entire afternoon admiring himself, she decided to spend an hour or two with a sick neighbor, leaving Tommy with grandma, who always kindly left Tommy to himself.

"There's a piece of cake on the lower shelf in the pantry, Tommy, Mrs. Grumbie stopped a moment to say, as she was hurrying off.

"Yes'm !" said Tommy absently from the chair before the mirror. where he was stretching his neck over one shoulder, to see how " just like papa " he looked on his back.

Then he turned about for a from view, laughing and stretching himself up to look as tall as possible, and then. a moment later, as a new idea pro sented itself, he sprang from the chain with a bound, and rolled over twice without hurting himself, of course. He did not seem to hurt himself, not even when he jumped from the hay-loft at grandpa's, a distance that would have broken every bone in any other boy's body; nor the time when he jumped in the brook to see how it would seem to be a duck, and was fished out by Towser. Jumping from a chain would not be apt to injure such an india-rubber ball as Tommy Grumble.

Ten minutes spent in genuine ad miration of himself finished the trowsers and jacket. They had ceased to be a novelty, and then first remem bering the cake, with a hop, skip, and jump he entered the pantry, which unfortunately, was very light, as som one had opened the window and for gotten to close it again.

This pantry, or store-room, Tommy had always been forbidden to enter

empty soap-box. "Now, if this other stool'll go right on top o' this, I guess I'll fetch it," muttered Tom, raising the stool, and

vainly trying to get it up. But it was utterely impossiblefor, with all his stretching up on tiptoe, and puffing and tottering about. it could not be managed.

And just at this discouraging point, there are boys who would have given up and left the pantry, but Tom. ant being one of them, after a moment's deliberation mounted the ladder, laughing gleefully to find he could not only investigete matters upon the second shelf, but could step upon it, and by clinging to the third could peer into mysteries up there also.

Now, the shepherdess being apor the third and last shelf, Tom consid ered the matter finished, and after hasty survey of the third shelf, which held nothing besides mamma's best china, one little foot recklessly mounts the third shelf, while one chubby hand caught hold of the fourth, and then slowly the other hand and foot followed. and Tommy was up-really up in a perilous position, with his two naughty feet on the edge of the third shelf, and his equally naughty hands clinging to the fourth.

"Now, then, grandma ought to be shamed of herself, to make me climb so high. I wonder what's in this big jar! Apricots maybe ;' cause mamma cooked up lots of 'em, and theyre good, I tell you. Now, if I only had four hands I Guess I'll set the shepherdess down first, and then we'll see."

Accordingly, Tom clung desperately with one hand to the shelf, while he reached carefully out for the shepherdess, and securing her with a satisfied chuckle, he placed her upon the shelf below. and then the naughty hand touched the jar which was directly before him, and by an amount of cautious movement, he succeeded in bringing it nearer, quite to the edge of the shelf; and here was azother difficulty. The jar was too high, even after the cover was pushed off, to get his hand in, to find out what it held. He could reach the top with have." At the end of the year Wine, and that was all. there was nothing

bout it; but the thing that The "reversed" New Testament in to begin the year anew." She countjust then might not hav BOLD TREES. S. BUSCH & OU. 35 De H. M. Spicially valuable Pile of India ppen- ted her money and found she had five bookstore kist week

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WINNIE'S MISSION BOX.

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W innie field was a bright, interesting little girl of ten years. One day after sitting quite still for some time, a thing quite unusual for her to do, she suddenly said,

"Mother who are the missionaries that Mr. White told us about yesterday ?"

"Missionaries, my child," answered Mrs. Field, "are people who go away from their home and friends to tell others the story of Jesus."

"The story of Jesus, I supposed every one knew that."

"Now, there are many in our own country even, who know nothing of Him, beside others who live in far off lands over the ocean. Those who do not go out of their own country, are called Home Missionaries; and others are called Foreign Missionaries," " But where do the foreign mission

aries go ?" asked Winnie.

" To Asia and Africa, and some to Europe." Subtraction S. V. data was hits

" And they leave their friends and home to tell the heathen of Jesus?" "Yes, and do you not think we ought to thank him a great deal for putting us in a land where He is known and reverenced?" "Oh! yes, dear mother," cried Winnie, flinging her arms around her mothe'rs neck, " and I will save my pennies, and send them to the missionaries too."

" And my darling, when you send your pennies to the missionaries, send your prayers too."

"Yes mother, I will," said Winnie; then she added, "but I must have something to put my pennies in." " You have a little blue bank that Frank gave you."

Winnie hesitated. "You must expect to practice self denial, Winnie. King David said he would not give unte the Lord that which cost him nothing," said Mrs. Field.

Winnie ran at once and brought the bank. "And I will wait a long time before I open it, and theu I shall be surprised to think how much 1 nie opened her bank, which had grown very heavy, "so as," she said

oath was heard, and scarcrly a word was spoken by any of them during the remainder of the journey.

The young man who had received the book seemed particularly impressed. He got out of the car at the next station and purchased a paper of candy for his little friend, which he presented to her. He then stooped down and kissed her, and said he would always keep the little Bible for her sake.

The little girl's mother afterwards told Mrs .---- that her child had been so troubled by the wickedness of those young men that she could not rest until she had given her little Bible which she valued so highly herself.



Thermometers reform late in life They never become "temperate" until nearly 60.

Although " one swallow does not make a summer," it is certain that one frog can make a spring.

"You did wrong to shoot that man's dog. You might have pushed him off with the butt of your gun," said Recorder Smyth to a man who was charged with shooting a neighbor's log. "I would have done that," replied the prisoner, " if the dog had come at me tail first; but he came at me with his biting end."

The professor sat in an easy chair on the deck looking very pale. The compassionate captain asked how he felt. "Miserable, miserable ; I'm sick, captain; I'm sick. I have paid tribute to Neptune, till I have lost everything." "But," said the captain, "I see you still have your boots left." "Yes," said the professor faintly, "but they were on the outside.

"I assure you, gentleman," said the convict, upon entering the prison. " that the place has sought me and not I the place. My own affairs de-manded all my time and attention, and I may truly say that my selection to fill this position was an entire surprise. Had I consulted my own in terests, I should have peremptorily declined to serve; but, as I am in the hands of my friends. I see no other course but to submit."

Invalids, should avoid " German spas ;" they are Teu-tonic.

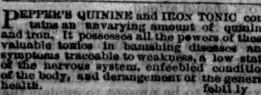
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