

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

You, Nebuchadnezzah, whoa, sah!
Whar is you tryin' to go, sah?
I'd hab you for to know, sah,
It's a holdin' ob de lines.
You better stop dat prancin':
You's pow'ful fond ob dancin',
But I'll bet my year's advancin'
Dat I'll cure you ob your shines.

Look heah, mule! Better min' out—
Fust ting you know you'll fin' out
How quick I'll wear dis line out
On your ugly stubbo'n back.
You needn't try to steal up
An' lif' dat precious heel up:
You's got to plough dis fie' up,
You has, sah, for a fac'.

Dar, dat's de way to do it!
He's comin' right down to it;
Jes' watch him ploughin' troo it!
Dis nigger ain't no fool.
Some foll's dey would 'a' beat him;
Now, dat would only heat him—
I know jes' how to treat him,
You mus' reason wid a mule.

He minds me like a nigger.
If he was only bigger
He'd fotch a mighty figger,
He would, I tell you! Yes, sah!
See how he keeps a clickin'
He's as gentle as a chicken,
An' nebbber thinks o' hickin'—
Whoa, dar! Nebuchadnezzah!

Is dis heah me, or not me?
Or is de debbil got me?
Was dat a cannon shot me?
Hab I laid heah mor'n a week?
Dat mule do kick amazin'!
De beast was sp'iled in raisin'—
By now I 'spect he's grazin'
On de oder side de creek.
—Irwin Russell, in Scribner's Monthly.

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

There were a score or more of women gathered together at Mr. Johnson's house. Mr. Johnson is a good hearted man and a respectable citizen, though he is rather skeptical about some things. The women had just organized "The Foreign Benevolent Society," when Mr. Johnson entered the room. He was at once appealed to donate a few dollars as a foundation to work on, and Mrs. Graham added:

"It would be so pleasant, in after years, for you to remember that you gave this society its first dollar and its first kind word."

He slowly opened his wallet, drew out a ten-dollar bill, and, as the ladies smacked their lips and clapped their hands he asked:

"Is this society organized to aid the poor of foreign countries?"

"Yes" "Yes" "Yes" they chorused.

"And it wants money?"

"Yes" "Yes!"

"Well now," said Johnson, as he folded the bill in a tempting shape, "there are twenty married women here. If there are fifteen of you who can make oath that you have combed your children's hair this morning, washed the dishes, blacked the cookstove, and made the beds, I'll donate this ten dollars."

"I have," answered two of the crowd, and the rest said:

"Why, now, Mr. Johnson!"

"If fifteen of you can make oath your husbands are not wearing socks with holes in the heels, this money is yours," continued the wretch.

"Just hear him!" they exclaimed, each one looking at the other.

"If ten of you have boys without holes in the knees of their pants, this 'X' goes to the society!" said Johnson.

"Such a man!" they whispered.

"If there are five pair of stockings in this room that don't need darning, I'll hand over the money," he went on.

"Mr. Johnson," said Mrs. Graham with great dignity, "the rules of this society declare that no money shall be contributed except by members; and as you are not a member, I beg that you will withdraw, and let us proceed with the routine business."

I DID AS THE REST DID.

Doing 'as the rest do' has ruined thousands.

A young man is invited by vicious companions to visit the theatre, or the gambling-room, or other haunts of licentiousness. He becomes dissipated, spends his time, loses his credit, squanders his property, and at last sinks into an untimely grave. What ruined him? Simply 'doing what the rest did.'

A father has a family of sons. He is wealthy. Other children in the same situation of life do so and so, are indulged in this thing and that. He indulges his own in the same way. They grow up idlers, triflers and fops. The father wonders why his children do not succeed better. He has spent so much money on their education, has given them great advantages; but alas! they are only a source of vexation and trouble. Poor man, he is just paying the penalty of 'doing as the rest did.' This poor mother strives hard to bring up her daughters genteelly. They learn what others do—to paint, to sing, to play, to dance, and several useful matters. In time they marry; their husbands are unable to support their extravagance and wretchedness. The good woman is astonished. 'Truly,' says she, 'I did as the rest did.'

The sinner following the example of others, puts off repentance, and neglects to prepare for death. He passes along through life till, unawares, death strikes the fatal blow. He has no time left now to prepare. And he goes down to destruction, because he was so foolish as to 'do as the rest did.'—*Golden Rule.*

Too THIN.—A correspondent of the "Courier-Journal," says of the Kentucky women: There is nothing they don't know and what they don't know they divine. A man can't creep in a little late at night without a disturbance and explanation, which comes of their training. Even Slybuck, who is the smartest of "smart Aleck's" has learned also the futility of his best tricks. The sick friend dodge; the all-night-in-the-country dodge; the late session-of-the-society dodge; the meeting-of-the-council dodge;—all the old shifts and expedients have played out. The other night he slipped in about 1 o'clock very softly, denuded himself gently, and began rocking the cradle by the bedside, as if he had been awakened out of a sound sleep by infantile cries. He had rocked away about five minutes, when Mary Ann, who had silently observed the whole maneuver, says: "Come to bed, you old fool, you! the baby ain't there!"

DRESSING WITH PLAINNESS.

1. It would lessen the burdens of many who find it hard to maintain their place in society.
2. It would lessen the force of the temptations which often lead men to barter honor and honesty for display.
3. If there was less strife in dress at church, people in moderate circumstances would be more inclined to attend.
4. Universal moderation in dress at church would improve

the worship by the removal of many wandering thoughts.

5. It would enable all classes of people to attend church better in unfavorable weather.

6. It would lessen, on the part of the rich, the temptation to vanity.

7. It would lessen, on the part of the poor, the temptation to be envious and malicious.

8. It would save valuable time on the Sabbath.

9. It would relieve our minds from a serious pressure and thus enable us to do more for good enterprises.—*Selected.*

MORE BLACKMAIL.

An oldish man, having an apple-stand on Woodard avenue, was yesterday approached by a hungry-looking lad, who asked: "Say, ain't you goin' to gimme an apple?"

"I'll give you to the station first!" was the gruff reply.

"You declare war, do you? All right, my old buckshot! I'll stand right here for the next hour and tell everybody that you spit on your apples and burnish 'em on your greasy old coat sleeve! We'll see who'll come out ahead in this mad struggle!"

The boy did. He got his apple in five seconds.

RUSSIA.—Governesses and teachers of all kinds hold a much higher and more important place in Russia than elsewhere. They form a distinct class in the State, and the men hold a brevet rank among State officials, and have a good chance of rising in public life.

The female teachers are important persons in families and in society, and they often marry brilliantly. They always make fortunes, for their salaries are enormous—three thousand dollars annually being not uncommon.—*Selected.*

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We have a number of letters from clever people asking us to send them boys and girls. After due deliberation we have reached the conclusion that we have not, at present, any boys or girls whom we can recommend as equal to the requirements of the writers. But if they will come and see and talk with the children, they may make their own contracts, and mutual satisfaction may be secured.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A BOY.

My residence is in.....
..... County, and my occupation is.....
My family consists of.....
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He will be required to..... and allowed to..... I will furnish..... and pay him..... a month.
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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF HALF ORPHANS.

..... N. C.,
....., 1877.

This is to certify that.....
..... is a half orphan,
sound in body and mind, and without any estate. H.... father died in 18.... I being h.... mother, hereby make application for h.... admission to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and I also relinquish and convey to the officers thereof the entire management and control of said orphan till the.... day of.....
..... (that being the day on which.... will be fourteen years of age,) in order that.... may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.

Approved by.....
W. M. of.....

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....., 1877.

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Approved by.....
W. M. of..... Lodge.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A GIRL.

Our residence is in.....
County, and our occupation.....
..... Our family consists of..... We wish to employ a girl..... years of age, and (Here give description and qualities desired). She will be required to..... and allowed to..... She will spend her evenings in..... and will sleep in..... We will furnish..... and will pay..... a month.
A. B.,
Mrs. A. B.
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