

Outside.

BY CLARA G. DOLLIVER.

A little foot on the gravelled lane, So light they never heard;

The loving firelight softly kissed Each rosy, childish face;

She wished their eyes in hers would look, Their gentle voices say,

Still did the children laugh and play, And no one whispered, "Hark!"

Men close she wrapped her threadbare shawl; The sky she thought, "is wide;

Sowing and Reaping.

"Sow with a generous hand; Pause not for toil or rain;

"Sow while the seeds are lying In the warm earth's bosom deep,

"Then sow, for the hours are fleeting, And the seed must fall to-day;

"Sow, and look on yonder upward; Where the starry light appears—

Golden Precepts For The Young.

Bishop Middleton furnishes the following: Persevere against discouragement. Keep your temper.

Maintain dignity without the appearance of pride; manner is something with everybody, and everything with some.

There is nothing on earth so lowly, but duty giveth it importance; no station so degrading but it is ennobled by obedience.

Several strangers have visited the Asylum during the past week, and expressed themselves much pleased with the singing and Calisthenic exercises performed by the orphans.

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At the Orphan Asylum, on Wednesday, February 3rd, little Verona Broadwell, aged about seven years, daughter of Mrs. Lucy A. Broadwell, of Raleigh.

There is a resper whose name is death, And with his sickle keen,

Beauty of old People.

Men and women make their own beauty or their own ugliness. Lord Lytton speaks in one of his novels, of a man "who was uglier than he had any business to be;"

There is the beauty of youth and the beauty of holiness—a beauty much more seldom met, and more frequently found in the arm-chair by the fire with grandchildren around its knee,

A Mistake.

A stranger was in Windsor on Saturday last and saw some seven hundred men spending the day, all enjoying elegant leisure.

Why do you think they are rich, asked one. They must be rich said he. They are bound to have money laid up.

The stranger wilted on being told that the credit of the whole seven hundred was not good for seven hundred cents.—Albermarle Times.

Wealth gained by the loss of character, self respect and virtue, is dearly purchased.

Perseverance.

Boys should never give up, but remember and act upon the old motto or adage, "Perseverando et vincas"—"Perseverance conquers all things."

Changes in Books for the Young. Fifty years ago, and even at a somewhat later date, the books prepared for children were neither large in number nor various in their character.

There were exceptions to this rule of mediocrity, some of which were very remarkable. Miss Edgeworth's stories for the young were excellent, and there are many old people to whom the mention of the name of this writer brings delightful reminiscences.

The beauty and elegance of books for the young are as remarkable as their number, and form a wonderful contrast with the mechanical work of their predecessors of fifty years ago.

Every child now can have his choice among half-a-dozen editions of finely illustrated copies of the "Arabian Nights," and among fifty attractive editions of "Robinson Crusoe,"

The young to-day can never know how great are their advantages for obtaining knowledge and intellectual amusement over those of bygone years.—Youth's Companion.

One great cause of the poverty of the present day is a failure of our common people to appreciate small things. They do not realize how a daily addition be it ever so small, will soon make a large pile.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM FEB. 3RD TO FEB. 10TH INCLUSIVE.

IN CASH.

- Paid \$65.85, CHILDREN'S FRIEND, since last report.
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Mischievous Children.

The surest and easiest way to keep children, and grown folks too, for that matter, out of mischief, is to keep them busy. Require a certain amount of work, and provide an abundance of recreation.

Begin rather by applying the out reaching fingers, and as the duties develop and enlarge keep the busy brain and body interested in harmless ways and there will be little cause to fear that they will get astray.

A Boy who Didn't belong Anywhere.

One of those nameless, homeless little human footballs, who, in the midst of a Christian community, roll up and down the city streets and great thoroughfares, in heathenism, victims of the saddest social neglect, was lately picked up by a policeman, and gave the following checked history of himself:

I do not know my age. My parents are both dead. The first I can remember, I began to pick up my living here and there, just where I could find it. I sometimes got a little food by doing chores for people, and occasionally some one would give me an old coat or a pair of shoes. I picked up where they had thrown away. I never took any clothes or food without leave. I never went to school. I slept around in barns and sheds, and sometimes in dry goods boxes. For two winters I slept in a small hut with an old man, a few miles in the woods, and there I got nuts and such things as I could find, and fish which I caught in the river. I lived two summers in a large hole in the bank of a river, called the "cut off." After that I went round with a circus. I went to do chores, help fold up tents, &c. I got my arm badly hurt when I was learning to somersault and was sick. Then I could not work, and they scolded me and I ran away the next day.—Youth's Companion.

The Fairies.

One of the Paris almanacs has this story: A lazy girl, who liked to live in comfort and do nothing, asked her fairy godmother to give her a good genius to do everything for her. On the next instant the fairy called ten dwarfs who dressed and washed the little girl and combed her hair, and fed her, and so on. All was done so nicely that she was happy except for the thought that they would go away. "To prevent that," said the godmother, "I will place them permanently in your ten, pretty little fingers." And they are there yet.

To Make a Taster

Take a handful of a weed called ramban, the same quantity of root called Nibble-tongue, a sprig of herb called Backbit, either before or after dog days, a teaspoonful of Don't you tell; six drams of Malice, and a few drops of Envy, which can be purchased in any quantity at the shops of Miss Tabitha Teatable and Mrs. Nancy Gad-about. Stir them well together, and simmer them for half an hour over the fire of Discontent, kindled by a little jealousy, then strain it through the rag Miscalculation, and cork in the bottle of Malevolence, and hang it on a skein of Street-yard, shake it occasionally for a few days, and it will be fit for use. Let a few drops be taken before walking out, and the subject will be able to continually speak all manner of evil.—Surrey Visitor

Kill or Cure.—A well known Boston physician was called to visit a lady a few miles out of town. After confiding his calls for some weeks, she expressed her fears that it would be inconvenient for him to come so far on her account. "O madam," replied the doctor innocently, "I have another patient in the neighborhood, and thus I kill two birds with one stone."

An intolerable bore having talked a friend nearly out of his senses, finally struck out on the "oyster," which he called "one of the most remarkable specimens of creative wisdom extant," when his friend interrupted him and closed the debate with the exclamation, "the oyster! Ah, yes, the oyster is a glorious fellow! He always knows when to shut up."

One never loses by doing a good turn. To raise esteem we must benefit others; to procure love we must please them.

Kind words are balm to the soul. They oil up the outside machinery of life, and keep it in good running order.

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N. C., 1875.

This is to certify that

is an orphan, without

estate, and years of age. II.

father died in 18....; his mother

I, being h.....

herely make application

for h.....admission into the Asylum, at.....; and

I also relinquish and convey, to the officers of the Asylum, the management and control of the said orphan

for..... years, in order that.....

may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Approved by