

Daisy.

Daisy, Daisy, Darling little Daisy, Scarcely three years old; Eyes like dancing sunbeams, Hair of ruddy gold, Glistening in the sunshine, Somber in the shade, Full of lights and shadows, Like the little maid.

Amusing Story of a Teacher.

At the age of sixteen, before we had our "roundabouts," we contracted to "keep school" in district No. 5, for twelve dollars per month and "boarding round." We knew very well the little red schoolhouse, standing at the exact center of the district, on the borders of a mighty swamp, the farm-houses scattered about the hills, and we also knew the nuisance of that particular school, a squad of half a dozen rough fellows who had emerged into "stall coats," and who would hardly relish the discipline of a boy pedagogue in a roundabout.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

RECIPES. CHICKEN RICE CAKE.—Half a pound of ground rice, four eggs and enough cast sugar to sweeten; beat the whole together for twenty minutes, bake in a slow oven. LENTIL SOUP.—Mix a tablespoonful of lentil flour and a teaspoonful of corn flour with a little milk till as thick as cream. Boil three-quarters of a pint of milk sweetened a little and flavored to taste; pour this slowly on the flour and milk, stirring meanwhile. Boil altogether for ten minutes, still stirring. Add a whipped egg. This is a most nourishing all-weather food and a good substitute for beef tea.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

THE WAX OF WOMEN. At Pleasant Ridge, a little hamlet not far from Cincinnati, a short time ago, a man was taken sick with small pox and, before the nature of the disease was known, communicated it to a friend who nursed him. The physician of the place did his duty, but there was no public provision for cases of the kind, no nurses could be got, and the two men lay alone in the house in a deplorable state. In this situation of affairs two women, wives of farmers living in the vicinity, left their homes, went to the dreaded house, and took entire charge of the patients. They are both over fifty years of age, are named Mrs. Longdon and Mrs. Crossley, and are sufficiently described by one of their neighbors who says that "they are good women who visit the sick." A third woman, Mrs. Dunreth, assisted upon sharing the work for one day in spite of all protests, and, as she unluckily took the disease, Mrs. Longdon and Mrs. Crossley had a third patient on their hands. Mrs. Dunreth died, and the other women, getting the sexton to dig a grave, buried her with their own hands in the night. The two men recovered, and the two women who deliberately risked their lives and cared for the two patients were hailed as heroes.

FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

NOTIONS IN WRITING, IN DRAWING, AND ALL MECHANICAL LABOR, ARE FROM RIGHT TO LEFT IN inferior races, and the opposite in more highly civilized ones. GRAY BODIES PROPERLY SELECTED AS TO height of tone, when contiguous to colored bodies, exhibit the phenomena of contrast of color more strikingly than either black or white substances do. IT IS A peculiarity of the ostrich that father and mother take it in turn to sit on the eggs, and when the ostrich takes his female companions out for their evening promenade in the desert, one of them always remains by the nest. AT ONE TIME a bear and a bull, chained together, rolled in a fierce contest along the sand of the Roman arena; at another criminals dressed in the skins of wild beasts were thrown to hails, who were maddened by red-hot irons.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE NEW WILMING (Del.) City Loan of \$20,000, bearing four and a half per cent, interest, has been placed mostly with Philadelphia parties at rates ranging from par to 10 1/2. FENIAN WERE MEN of Irish birth, of immediate descent, who organized a secret society in the United States and in Ireland in 1877, with the professed object of establishing a republic in Ireland. A \$700 diamond pin, belonging to a Providence young man, was recently lost, and after several days found in the gizzard of a hen, after it was killed on suspicion that it had gobbled up the missing jewel.

HUMOROUS.

BIBLICAL STUDENT: Of course Ruth wanted a bean, but no one has ever been able to determine why she chose such a Boaz she did. IT IS SAID THAT in Calcutta a young lady will rise at an afternoon visit and say, "Excuse me, but I must go home for my 5 o'clock lever." WE ARE SOMETIMES SO IMPRESSED BY a fellow-man's estimate of his importance that we tremble at the mere suggestion of what might have been if the Lord had forgotten to make him.—Rome Sentinel.

RIVAL READINGS.

WHEN I WAS A BOY—I'm an old one now, being close upon forty-nine.—A man, whose first love proved false to his vow. Fell into a rapid decline, But a modern miss at such weakness smiles, And adopts a simpler plan.—If a gap occurs in her foremost files, 'Tis filled by a rear-rank man. This will clearly show the advantage, you know, Of having at least "two strings to your bow." Thus far had I scribbled down the page, When Shabel, my youngest of three, Said, "Well, then, I must be behind the page, For you would be ample for me; If worthy of love, he'd be welcome to all, If worthless, he'd surely get none; And it with that 'worthy' in love I fall, By him I'll be woeed and won. In such case a second is best, and so I can't see the use of 'two strings to your bow.' My chief, a fairy of sweet mien, 'T'was I who found both of you. Yes! The words you have quoted I take to mean The influence women possess. The first cord is silk, its delicate touch All true hearts have had as eagerly, The second's a chess-string, when urgency's such.